

**Town of Sheffield
Board of Health (BOH)
Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

Board Members present: Martin Mitsoff, Chair
Dave Lewis
Pat Levine
Dave Smith

Others in Attendance: Lori Neil, Administrative Assistant

Members Absent: Eileen Clarke

Chairman Mitsoff called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding 1278 Rannapo Road. The Board received a request from the Sheffield Historic District regarding a vacant house that has not been maintained. It has been reported to the Board of Health and it potentially can be a dangerous situation. We would like to conduct a site visit with the permission of the owner. We would like to ask Charles Pulisky to do an inspection of the home to secure structural safety of the home. The owner is a resident of Ashley Falls. Wanda Stika spoke to say she is not living in the house currently. She is staying nearby where she can supervise 1278 Rannapo Road. She would like to restore the house to its historic appearance. P. Levine asked Wanda Stika if she had a time frame or any initial actions of young people wandering into it. The answer was no. Wanda Stika stated she had plans made for last year, but the pandemic had made it impossible to manage. She stated, the roof over part of the house is one-story and that it's the worst section of the roof which is in very serious condition. P. Levine stated to please keep in mind any work completed needs to be approved by the Commission. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed, their first step should have been to reach out to contact Wanda Stika.

Discussion regarding Public Health Excellence Grant Program Submission. Tri Town Health has submitted an application requesting 2 Public Health Nurse Positions for South County as well as Administrative support and another Public Health Nurse position for Berkshire Health Alliance. Sheffield has nursing services through the Berkshire Health Alliance and the Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association for which we sign an agreement every year. P. Levine asked if we had a copy of the application. M. Mitsoff answered, no.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding expansion of offerings and services at the Sheffield Senior Center. Chairman Mitsoff had spoke with Kathie Loring, the Director of the Senior Center regarding her expansion plan. The key components were social distancing to the greatest extent possible. If a person is vaccinated or not, the person needs to wear face covering and social distance.

The bus has been active. The Blood Pressure Program is set to re-start on May 14th by the Visiting Nurse Association. The senior Center would like to re-introduce exercising indoors. Opening of as many windows and setting up air purifiers, distance further than the 6 feet. Bingo will remain 6 feet apart and with masks. . The Community Meal Program will continue as take and go. There is no "sit down" area as of yet. Card games and related game programs were found not to be appropriate at this time. For now, the cards and games will remain prohibited. P. Levine mentioned there is a registration requirement that helps to track people.

One citizen spoke of how she missed the exercise programs. She asked when chair yoga can begin. Chairman Mitsoff told her Kathie from the Senior Center is reaching out to various instructors. The hope is to re-start chair yoga towards the end of April or the beginning of May 2021.

Board Member Items –P. Levine mentioned once again, she thinks we should acquire a copy of the Public Health Excellence Program Grant. Chairman Mitsoff said he would request a copy.

Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. P. Levine mentioned she would like to make a couple of wording changes but otherwise approves. *D. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2021. P. Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. D. Lewis abstained.*

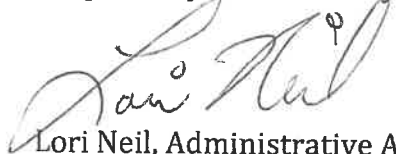
No Items from Members of the Public.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2021.

Chairman Mitsoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. P. Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lori Neil", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lori Neil, Administrative Assistant

Documents

Draft minutes

Letter from Lou Levine