

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
JULY 11, 2023  
TOWN HALL FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
5:30 PM  
MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Pat Levine, Chair  
Joshua Webb  
Scott Smith  
Eileen Clarke

Others Present: Rene Wood, Select Board  
Jayne Smith, Food Inspector  
Jill Sweet, Regional Public Health Nurse  
Josh Risen, Board Administrator  
Members of the Public

Chair Levine called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Update on the Collaborative from Jill Sweet:**

J. Sweet stated that there has been an increase in food borne illnesses in South Berkshire, as well as an increase in tick bites. She gave some examples of how to avoid getting ill from these health concerns, such as avoiding untrustworthy food sources and checking for ticks after outdoor activities. Discussion took place on mosquitos and ticks. E. Clarke stated that she was interested in obtaining more information on how to reduce the risks of tick bites and would like that information to be available to the public. J. Sweet provided pamphlets and stated that she could provide more if necessary. S. Smith suggested spraying a natural insecticide.

J. Sweet informed the Board that there is a child car seat crisis and she is working on ways to address this. The Board discussed child seats and expiration of the seats.

J. Smith gave an update regarding the hiring of new inspectors and stated that it is her hope that the new hires should be in place by September.

**Discussion/ Possible Action Regarding Rest of River:**

R. Wood gave an update on the settlement agreement between General Electric and the Rest of River Municipal Committee, which included how the PCBs were being treated and removed. She stated that there would be no dredging or cleanup work performed in Sheffield, as the work would not go below the Rising Pond Dam in Housatonic. She stated that the cleanup would likely take at least 13 years. She further explained that a treatment system located at Woods Pond would be established, and that it would use a piping system to dewater the dredged soil and then the contaminated soil would be sent out of state. She went on to explain that G.E. was required to make a plan for transporting contaminated soils and that contaminated soil exceeding 50 parts per million of the PCBs would not be allowed into normal landfills. J. Webb asked how the water in Sheffield would be monitored during the cleanup to ensure that Sheffield is not negatively affected. R. Wood responded that it was not known yet how the water would be monitored, but that she expects to see a plan released within the next year.

**Discussion/ Possible Action Regarding Housing Complaint at 46 Main Street:**

Chair Levine informed the Board that this matter had been concluded and that the inspector from the Berkshire Public Health Alliance had given his approval and sign off that there was no further action required to bring the property back into compliance with the Housing Code.

**Discussion/ Possible Action Regarding Housing Complaint at 4 Salisbury Road:**

Chair Levine updated the Board that this housing complaint had resolved itself and that the complaint had been withdrawn as the tenant and landlord have agreed to work together to remove the defective conditions.

**Discussion/ Possible Action Regarding Housing Complaint at 1419 N. Main St. Apt. B:**

Chair Levine informed the Board that the tenant has requested that someone from the Board of Health be present when the inspection takes place. There is no scheduled inspection at this time. Chair Levine stated that this matter will be discussed again at a future meeting.

A discussion took place on the handling of housing inspections. J. Smith stated that each town addresses these types of complaints in slightly different ways, but the best practice is to involve the entire Board in these discussions before action is taken.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chair Levine requested that J. Risen inquire how to get the May 9, 2023 minutes approved due to L. Hyde's resignation. *S. Smith made a motion to approve the June 13, 2023 minutes, seconded by J. Webb. The motion passed unanimously*

*E. Clarke made a motion to approve the June 27, 2023 minutes, seconded by S. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Discussion/ Possible Action Regarding Updating the Board of Health Forms:**

Chair Levine stated that she would like to have the forms revised and discussed at a future meeting, comparing the current forms with the newer version. J. Risen will make the changes and share with the Board at the next meeting.

**Review of Mail:**

The Board reviewed the mail.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comments.


**Board Member items:**

There was no Board Member items discussed.

*E. Clarke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Webb. The motion passed unanimously*

Chair Levine adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

for   
Josh Risen  
Board Administrator

Documents reviewed at the meeting: Draft Minutes

Board of Health  
July 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes