

Draft of Minutes of October 29, 2019

Town Health Sub-Committee

Attending: Cathy Siano-Goodwin, Stan Mack, Richard Thompson, Christine Tattersall, and Suzanne Welch

Meeting called to order at 6pm by Cathy Siano-Goodwin.

1. Agenda was approved; motion by Suzanne and second by Stan Mack. As presented.
2. Minutes: The meeting for October 8, 2019 was cancelled. No minutes. Meeting was changed to October 29, 2019.
3. Letter to Jay Karpin was discussed and revision was made to include respectfully requesting a letter of resignation and letter presented by select board member (s) hand delivered rather than being mailed to Jay Karpin. Letter will be sent to Bill Kearns to be put on Select board letterhead.
4. Discussion of THO duties were briefly discussed and recommended by the committee that the THO follow the Vermont manual of THO duties and the Vermont statutes for health officer. These will be recommended to the Grafton Select Board. A list of recommendations will be given to the select board on November 4 select board meeting during executive session. Sub - committee will review the list before November 4th meeting for any changes. Short discussion took place on current septic pumping ordinance and ticket system with the town clerk's office.
5. Water testing of the school was brought up in terms of select board protocols and notifying the THO of any health risks in the drinking water. The Vermont Department of Health and Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation may have jurisdiction on public school water testing. It has been difficult to get information on this with the town officials.
6. It was discussed to prorate Jay Karpin's stipend for 2019 to \$500 and to reevaluate Richard Thompson's appointment to THO. Consideration should be considered if calls to complaints increase that the THO has to investigate. Rich will keep a file and record of all the complaints or calls that he receives. The select board would then reconsider the increase in stipend. It is recommended that Rich Thompson be recommended by the select board to become the THO for Grafton to the Vermont Department of Health.
7. Call will be made to the Department of Health on Jay's recent letter from this department in honoring Jay with the title of Life Time Vermont Health Officer. This was unknown news to this committee and the select board.
8. If Rich is unavailable for any reason to receive calls for THO duties, would the select board consider a volunteer position of deputy for a backup for Rich.
9. Next final meeting for this sub-committee on November 26, 2019 at 6pm at the Fire Station.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm by Cathy Siano-Goodwin and Stan Mack.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Siano-Goodwin