

LEYDEN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MAY 11, 2021 AT 5:30 PM

CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO GOVERNOR'S ORDER SUSPENDING OPEN MEETING LAW DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Attending. Carol Kuzdeba and Beth Kuzdeba

Started at 5:32 pm. Details to join were posted

1. Minutes from April 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved with motion from Beth and second from Carol.
2. Many residents emailed the Selectboard about aerial mosquito spraying. The majority wanted to opt out of the state spraying. On 5/10/2021, the Selectboard voted to opt out of the state plan. It is now up to BOH to submit plan to state. It is in the works.
3. The state, through UMASS will start to send out postcards to Leyden residents about well water testing. Any town in the state of Massachusetts that gets 60% or more of drinking water from wells is included in this program. The state recognized the increased risk and prevalence of PFAS and set money aside for this testing. On 4/28/2021, Carol and Beth sat in on a zoom with EPA/UMASS people involved with program. They will start to send out postcards to residents along Greenfield Rd and W Leyden rd. They would like 40 households to participate. If they do not get 40 in initial mailing they will contact BOH for recommendations for more locations. There is information about PFAS posted on the Leyden website. Beth can also provide more information on request.
4. The most recent guidelines for town meetings and elections are from 11/23/20, at this time. Town offices are open with mask wearing mandatory. The town hall is still not open to the public. Masks must be worn if meeting is outside also.
5. The FRCOG is getting town planning boards involved in a program to map the pollinator corridors. They are holding zoom programs on this. Beth is trying to get planning board involved.
6. The BOH handles the filing of green burial permits as long as they are in a designated cemetery. If it is on a private property, the healthcare agents from the FRCOG must get involved for inspections/ permit. The permit gets filed in a file for each cemetery that is in town.
7. Chromebooks are almost ready to be handed out to members of BOH.
8. Next meeting of BOH TBD

Adjourned at 5:45. Pm with motion from Beth and second from Carol

Submitted by Elizabeth Kuzdeba Chair on 5/30/2021