



Town of Rochester
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MINUTES

September 15, 2021

Present: Chairman, William David Souza
Sarah Eby, Clerk
Connie Dolan, Public Health Nurse
Karen Walega, Health Director
Lori Walsh, Board Administrator

Absent: Vice Chairman, Glenn Lawrence

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M.

Public Health Nurse Report:

Connie Dolan addressed the Board and reported that through the end of August there have been a total of 605 COVID-19 cases in Rochester. So Far, for the month of September there have been a total of 42 cases, including 19 in the last 30 days. Mrs. Eby asked how many were vaccinated and how many were not out of the positive cases. Ms. Dolan said that they are not separated in her MAVEN report to determine that. Ms. Dolan also said that it is mostly adults that are getting COVID right now. She also talked about the vaccination clinic they had on September 8th and told the Board that 20 people came to the clinic. The next clinic for the second vaccination will be on September 29th at the Fire Station from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Eby said that we should put on our website some talking points about COVID Vaccine. She also said that we should put information about other clinics in surrounding Towns.

Mrs. Eby asked if there was any EEE in this area right now. Health Director Karen Walega said that there isn't any at this time.

FLU CLINIC DATES:

Connie Dolan went on to discuss the Flu Clinics that will be coming up. There will be three clinics and the dates are, October 12th at the Senior Center, October 13th will be a drive-thru at the Fire Station and October 20th at Rochester Memorial School.

Ms. Dolan stated that she has applied to the Department of Public Health for a free supply of Abbott Binex Now test kits. The kits can be used by the Schools to test children in school. This program has been endorsed by DESE as it avoids quarantines and children missing school.

COVID BOOSTER SHOTS

Chairman Souza asked about people receiving their booster vaccinations. Ms. Dolan said that the booster shots are being made available to people with weakened immune systems right now.

She also told the Board that there is a new vaccine management system called COLOR. There will be no paper forms anymore the State wants us to use the COLOR platform. Sarah Eby will be a user in the COLOR platform.

Ms. Dolan went on to say that 43% of 12-15 year olds are vaccinated in Rochester. That number could be higher.

150 SNIPATUIT ROAD SEPTIC PLAN – DECISION ABOUT DENITE SYSTEM

Chairman Souza said that he went out and checked out the situation regarding this property and he said that it was 92' out to the trees and he feels that it is fine the way that it is and it does not need a Denite System. However, he does feel that the Board needs to write a regulation pertaining to anything within 50' of a waterway must have an alternative system to treat the water.

Chairman Souza made a motion to create a new regulation that states anything within 50' of a waterway must have an alternative system to treat the water.

Sarah Eby seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

SEPTIC SYSTEM ON 34 NORTH AVENUE

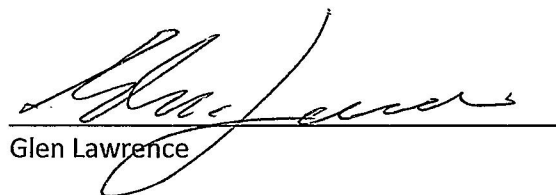
Health Director Karen Walega talked to the Board about the failed Title V report for Richard Tremblay at 34 North Avenue done by Title V Inspector, Tom Silvia. The Septic System failed due to hydraulic failure. An Engineer went out there and did a test pit and the soil was good. After that a new passing Title V was submitted to the prospective buyers but not submitted to the Board of Health office. The system failed and there is a 750 gallon septic tank there also. Health Director Karen Walega said they need to put in a new system. Chairman Souza said there is another one like this one on Bryant Lane and would like Karen Walega to go out with him to these two properties. He feels that the leaching field and the pool are close together.

The Board agreed there should be a hearing on October 6th at 4:00 p.m. regarding 34 North Avenue. The Owner will be notified to attend.

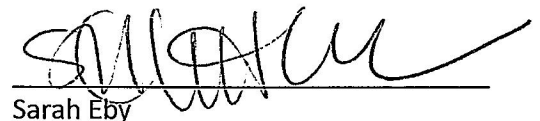
ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Souza made a motion to adjourn at 5:06 p.m.

Sarah Eby seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.



Glen Lawrence



Sarah Eby

November 17, 2021

Date