



# City of Westfield, Massachusetts

## Health Department

### Board of Health Meeting

Room 315

April 12, 2023

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WESTFIELD CITY CLERK

Present: Juanita Carnes, Chair Stanley Strzempko, M.D. Carrie Hildreth-Fiordalice

Ms. Carnes opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. For public participation, Gabriella Michaleszyn was present to address the Board. Minutes from the February 8, 2023, meeting were reviewed and accepted as printed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 8, 2023, meeting minutes.

*The vote was as follows:*

Carnes	–	Yes
Strzempko	–	Yes
Hildreth-Fiordalice	–	Yes

All in favor, the Motion was declared passed.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Gabriella Michaleszyn spoke to the Board regarding the importance of vitamin D. She presented two research papers on this topic and suggested more public outreach promoting vitamin D.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH:**

YMCA Focus Group Report: The YMCA recently sent out 300 surveys, from which they received 130 responses. From those responses, three separate focus groups were formed: one regarding childhood wellness; one for seniors; and the last regarding regular fitness/wellness and how the YMCA could better serve the community. It was suggested that something be done with regard to substance abuse.

Upcoming Trainings: Debra Mulvenna and Crystal Dugay attended the Serv-Safe food safety training today. In May, Joe will be attending a Housing and Healthy Homes training in Foxboro.

The Health Officer's conference is scheduled for October.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:**

Earth Day Clean-Up - An Earth Day cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8:00 am at the Masonic Lodge.

### **INSPECTIONAL SERVICES:**

General Overview and Update of Inspectional Services Division: Camp and pool inspections will be conducted soon.

After about 25 years, the Housing Code has been updated.

Because Crystal is relatively new and it is Title 5 and septic season, other things are backed up and falling behind. Joe stated that he is assisting in this regard.

**LANDFILL/TRANSFER STATION:**

Sanitary Landfill and Transfer Station Project Update: There are three projects currently underway at the Transfer Station: the truck scale repair, Twiss Street repaving and railroad upgrade/repairs.

The phone system is scheduled to be upgraded soon.

**PERSONNEL:**

Staffing Update (Substance Use Coordinator, Recycling Coordinator, Public Health Inspector, Public Health Nurse): There are five candidates for the Substance Use Coordinator position. Interviews were held and a second interview is scheduled for one of those candidates.

Although a job description was drafted and approved, the Mayor has decided not to fill the Recycling Coordinator position at this time.

The Public Health Inspector position was offered to an individual who accepted but then declined the offer due to his current employer offering more money. The same held true for the second candidate, who worked for the same employer.

There have been no applicants for the Public Health Nurse position.

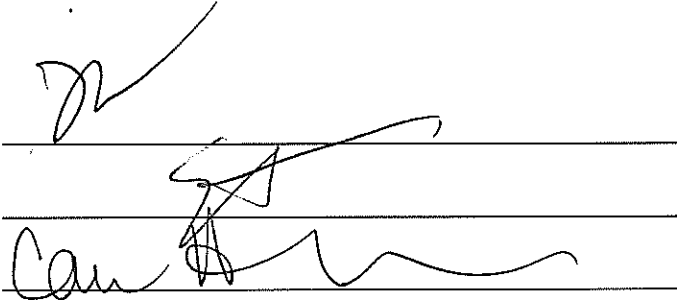
**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Rouse informed the Board that he had to shut down the Family Dollar on Franklin Street yesterday. He received several complaints from both customers and employees about an extremely foul odor throughout the store and no available bathrooms. Upon inspection, it was noted that the sewer was backed up; flooding the floor, and going up into the mop sink. When employees brought this to the regional manager's attention, they were told to use the bathroom next door at the gas station. Mr. Rouse had to immediately close the store based on Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Sec. 112, Emergency Closure. To date, the regional manager has not contacted the Health Department.

A condemnation order will be issued for 95 Honey Pot Road. State and federal agents were contacted and on site. An investigation is underway and the property has been deemed unfit for human habitation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Minutes approved by:



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*Next anticipated meeting date: May 10, 2023*