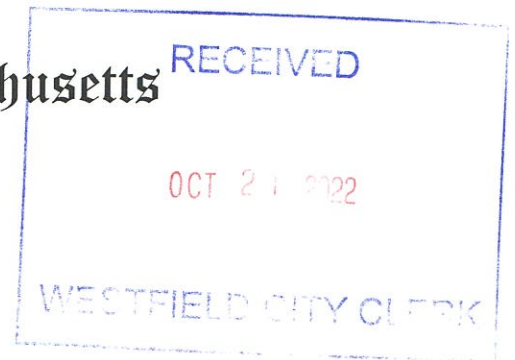




City of Westfield, Massachusetts
Health Department

Board of Health Meeting
Via Telephone Conference
July 13, 2022



Present: Juanita Carnes, Chair Margaret Doody

Ms. Carnes opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. There was no one present wishing to speak during public participation. Minutes from the June 8, 2022, meeting were reviewed and accepted as printed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 8, 2022, meeting minutes.

The vote was as follows:

Carnes	–	Yes
Doody	–	Yes

All in favor, the Motion was declared passed.

Staff /Department Update: The third nurse has been hired and is expected to begin in August. Nurse Evelyn Bristol has been assigned to the Senior Center exclusively but will assist the Health Dept. should an emergency arise. Inspector Thomas Hibert will return from paternity leave shortly. The new inspector, Crystal Dugay has been doing very well. The drug task force coordinator position will now be under the control of the Mayor, who will take over that program in conjunction with the School Dept.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Covid Test Kits: Free at-home rapid Covid test kits are located in the basement of City Hall near the elevators. On the boxes there is an expiration date, however, a sticker also on the box has a QR code which, when scanned, will display an extended use-by date of three months, or the end of October.

LANDFILL/TRANSFER STATION:

Vote to Surplus Twiss St. Municipal Transfer Station: The Mayor has asked the Board to surplus the Transfer Station so that it can be placed under the care, custody and control of the Department of Public Works. The City Council has already voted to refer this matter to the City Properties Committee. Once that committee meets in August, it will go back to Council and be voted on. Hopefully, this transfer can occur on September 1, 2022. A motion was made and seconded to surplus the Twiss Street Municipal Transfer Station.

The vote was as follows:

Carnes	–	Yes
Doody	–	Yes

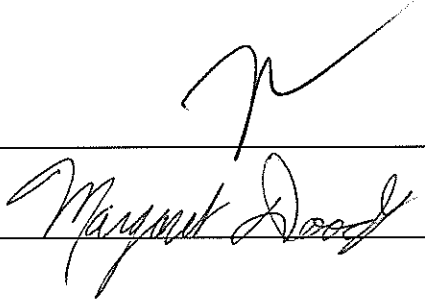
All in favor, the Motion was declared passed.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Medical Reserve Corps Update: Three qualified individuals have applied for the director position. Job outlines will be sent to these candidates and interviews will be conducted. An assistant director and board members are also needed. The two candidates not chosen can opt to fill those positions. Currently, there are only four board members when there should be five.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Minutes approved by:



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Next anticipated meeting date: August 10, 2022