**FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT**

4 SANDY LANE

SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA 01373

**MEETING MINUTES December 5, 2023**

**Called to order 5:35pm**

PRESENT: Fran Fortino, Chair; Becky Jones, MD; Michael Archbald, Mark Bushee, District Health Agent, Niki Vaughan, Health Inspector, Lisa Stevens, Meredith O’Leary, Donna Gibson

1. **Minutes** of BOH meetings from November, 2023 tabled to be reviewed Jan 2024.
2. **Current Topics for discussion**

* **Whately Anti-Tobacco regulations** We are anticipate revising our ~~new~~ tobacco regulation ~~from the state~~. It will include some new terminology and definitions as well regulation updates and guidelines for setting fines/sale suspensions. Issues include infractions like the sale of “blunts,” getting information to vendors. We will need for the Board to a hold public hearing ~~meetings~~ on the revised regulation after the holidays.
* **Schools and Town Covid 19 Updates.** Michael Archbald, PHN reviewed the numbers are showing few changes for COVID/Flu. Will continue to strongly encourage follow up vaccinations and testing with post-holiday gatherings.
* **Whately Diner** Bathroom heating and septic issues resolved
* **White Birch Campgrounds-** Campgrounds are closed for the season. Apartment at the campgrounds has been retro fitted with electric heater.
* **3 River Road/Manheim Farm-** Continued use of unpermitted outdoor wood burner and concerns remain re a 20’ deep x 20’ across cesspool. Department of Agriculture/and DEP involved re farm status.
* **BOH Budget.** Budget for this year will be level funded with previous year.

1. **Monthly bills paid**

Meeting adjourned 6:30pm, Next Meeting set for: January 9, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Archbald

Member Whately Board of Health