

Town of Wellesley
Board of Health Meeting (online remote)
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
10 a.m.

Present

Board:

Shepard Cohen, MPA, Chair
Marcia Testa Simonson, MPH, PhD, Vice Chair
Linda Oliver Grape, PA-C, MPH, Secretary

Staff:

Cheryl Lefman, MA, Community Health Coordinator,
retired
Jhana Wallace, Community Health Coordinator
Deadra Doku-Gardner, MS, Administrator
Lenny Izzo, Health Department Director
Ann Marie McCauley, RN, Public Health Nursing Supervisor

In attendance:

Shira Doron, MD, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

The Board of Health approved the following meeting minutes: November 29, 2022, December 13, 2022, and January 4, 2023.

1. **Fy24 Budget**

At the last meeting, the Board of Health voted to approve the FY24 budget. Today, Marcia Testa Simonson provided an overview of the FY24 budget to be presented to the Advisory Committee at this evening's meeting.

Ann Marie McCauley reviewed the increase in the vaccine line item. Shingrix (Shingles) vaccine has been added to this line item. Ms McCauley explained that Medicare now only covers this vaccine if the resident has part D Medicare. Residents who only have Parts A and B are not insured for the vaccine and must pay out of pocket. Currently the price of the two-dose vaccine is \$360 per person. Ms. McCauley intends to purchase this vaccine specifically for those Wellesley residents who do not have coverage for this vaccine.

Leonard Izzo and Marcia Testa Simons reviewed grants, funding and services that are received outside of the regular Town of Wellesley budget during the fiscal year. Marcia Testa Simonson suggested that they include these funds in future budget presentations.

The Board of Health voted to approve the presentation for the Advisory Committee.

3. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2023, 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku-Gardner
Administrator