

Wellesley Board of Health  
90 Washington St  
Wellesley, MA  
Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2019

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman  
Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD, Vice Chairman  
Linda Grape, Secretary  
Carol Hannenberg, Associate

Staff:

Wanda Alvarez, Community Social Worker  
Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator  
Leonard Izzo, Director  
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator  
Ann Marie McCauley, Nursing Supervisor

In attendance:

Mary Gard, Advisory Committee, liaison  
Beth Sullivan Woods, Board of Selectmen  
Lloyd Tarlin, MD, resident and former Board member

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

The Board of Health approved the following meeting minutes: February 7, 2019

**1. Administration**

a) Chairman's Report

Shep Cohen reported on the following:

- April 23- Vaping Forum is scheduled to take place in the Wellesley Public Schools.

b) Directors Report

Leonard Izzo reported on the following:

- Wellesley Sports Center is being operated by the Charles River Aquatics. The ice rink is slated to be opened by June 2019.

- A review of Automatic Emergency Defibrillators (AED) in local health clubs has been done. Mr. Izzo reported that Fitness Together is the only location without an AED on site.
- The public awareness project on opioids is to be stationed on Central Street. In addition Mr. Izzo reported on the Wellesley Rotary Club, which has been organizing a public forum on opioid use.

c) Board of Health

Shep Cohen introduced and offered congratulations to new board member, Linda Grape. Mr. Cohen also offered thanks to Lloyd Tarlin for his many years of volunteer service on the board. Lloyd's service to the community will be missed and has been greatly appreciated.

The Board of Health voted the following positions:

Shep Cohen, Chair

Marcia Testa Simonson, Vice Chair

Linda Grape, Secretary

Carol Hannenberg has been reappointed as an associate board member. Her term period is 2019 to 2022.

d) FY20 Budget and Advisory

The Board of Health has reviewed the FY20 Operating Budget. Beth Sullivan Woods and Mary Gard reported that the Board of Health is expected to show Advisory a list of what the 169 new constructions are in town and have asked for additional justification for the current and requested positions.

The next advisory meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 13, 2019.

At the last meeting, the Board of Health reported that they presented to Advisory on January 23, 2019. Marica Testa Simonson reported on that meeting, noting that the templates that the Advisory Committee reviewed were incorrect. Tom Skelly, Chairman of Advisory did not allow Ms. Simonson to complete her presentation. Mary Gard reported that since that meeting there have been multiple discussions and reviews of the Board of Health budget. Mary Gard reported that the majority of the members of the Advisory Committee still do not understand the operation or the legalities of the Board of Health and Health Department.

e) Social Services and Advisory

Beth Sullivan Woods reported that at the Board of Selectmen meeting of March 2, 2019, the Selectman unanimously approved funding of \$160,000 for the town-wide mental health proposal. Ms. Sullivan Woods reported that at their last meeting of March 4, 2019, the Selectmen voted to reject the funding based on recommendations made by the Advisory Committee.

Shep Cohen, Leonard Izzo and Beth Sullivan Woods provided a history and overview of mental health services in Wellesley.

In anticipation of the future hiring of a Senior Community Social Worker, the Board of Health reviewed two draft versions of a job description.

Wanda Alvarez provided an overview of the complex and complicated issues currently present among Wellesley residents. Ms. Alvarez highlighted the need to have the right person oversee and provide consultation and direction to staff working within social services in Wellesley.

f) Human Resources

Leonard Izzo reported that the part-time clerk position has been filled and the new employee, Elizabeth (Libby) LaBruzzo has started her position.

At the last several meetings, Shep Cohen and Leonard Izzo reported that Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Agent (EHA) had announced her upcoming retirement. Ms. Detroy had been expected to retire at the end of January, early February however, she has retracted her original date of retirement. It was reported that Ms. Detroy is uncertain about her initial decision, pending the possibility of a job description change. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

## 2. Community Health

a) Nursing report

Ann Marie McCauley provided a brief overview of the February 2019 services. Ms. McCauley reported that she has been receiving small amounts of the Shingrix vaccine (Shingles - Zoster).

b) Social Services

Wanda Alvarez reviewed her January and February 2019 reports. Ms. Alvarez reported that the current concern among residents is the need for food.

Ms. Alvarez reported that the Housing Authority has been in disarray and it has been the state office now completing inspections. Housing Authority residents are being audited and inspections are being conducted. Residents are being asked to provide all documentation of records that they provided when they originally moved in. Residents who are not passing the audits and inspections are being sent 30 day eviction notices for hoarding, cleanliness etc.

- c) Newton Wellesley Hospital  
Cheryl Lefman reported on the Community, Departments of Public Health and Newton-Wellesley Hospital meeting she recently attended.

Ms. Lefman reported that Dr. Swick has left the hospital and that an interim staff member has assumed the position. In addition, Ms. Lefman reported that Brian O'Dea has left his position as the Director of Public Affairs for Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

- d) Late Winter Programming

Cheryl Lefman reported that the Advanced (2/27/19) and Basic CPR/AED (2/28/19) training classes were fully subscribed.

The following programs have been scheduled:

- First Aid (3/14)

Ms. Lefman reported that a combined Stop the Bleed and Narcan Training program is being scheduled before June.

### **3. Environmental Health**

- a) Food Establishments

Leonard Izzo reported that the following restaurants are anticipated to open soon:

- Marks Pizza
- Rice Burg
- Fiorella's
- Wellesley College – Food Lab

- b) 16 Stern Road

Leonard Izzo reported on a concern presented by a resident of 16 Stern Road. The home faces the proposed 40B construction. Concern has arisen due to the expected disruption of the contaminated fields.

The resident has done a survey of the neighborhood and has found that six of the seven homes have a member with a form of cancer.

c) Sprague Field

Leonard Izzo reported that the turf at Sprague field is being replaced. The current turf has outlived its life expectancy. The new field will be made of the same product.

d) 18 and 20 River Ridge Road

Leonard Izzo reported that the property is being redeveloped and encroaches on town property. The property is not considered virgin land as the original developer brought in a great deal of fill in the 1980's. The town is concerned as to whether there is any contamination.

e) Haskins Auto Body

Leonard Izzo reported on a long standing complaint regarding spray fumes from a vent stack at Haskins Auto Body. DEP contacted Mr. Izzo requesting that the Health Department conduct an inspection. Mr. Izzo reported that the DPE has to enforce the complaint and do the inspection of the vent stack.

f) East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project (EMMCP)

Leonard Izzo reported that the EMMCP is preparing for the Spring and Summer seasons. Select areas of town will be helicopter larvicided in the months to come.

g) Vaping and E-cigarettes

At the last several meetings, Leonard Izzo reported that he intends to invite DJ Wilson (Tobacco Control Director and Public Health Liaison for the Massachusetts Municipal Association) to attend a Board of Health meeting to discuss revisions to Wellesley's current tobacco regulations. Mr. Izzo will also invite Linda Corridan and David Lussier from Wellesley Public Schools to attend the meeting.

Vivian Zeng reported that vaping products are in most gas stations, selling all flavors.

#### **4. Emergency Preparedness**

a) Emergency Preparedness Programming

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be announced.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner  
Administrator

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Documents reviewed during this meeting and on file in the Health Department:

- Community Social Worker - January 2019 and February 2019
- Senior Community Social Worker job descriptions
- Nursing report – February 2019