

Wellesley Board of Health
CONFERENCE CALL
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2020
2:30 pm

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, MPA, Chair
Marcia Testa Simonson, MPH, PhD, Vice Chair
Linda Oliver Grape, PA-C, MPH, Secretary
Carol Hannenburg, MD, Associate Member

Staff:

Steve Calichman
Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Agent
Deadra Doku-Gardner, Administrator
Leonard Izzo, Director
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator
Ann Marie McCauley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor
Joyce Saret, Community Social Worker
Vivian Zeng, Environmental Health Agent

The meeting was called to order at 2:34 pm.

1. Administration

a) Directors Report

Leonard Izzo provided the following updates:

- Leonard Izzo reported that he will be participating on this evening's Board of Selectmen Meeting (Zoom call and video). One of the concerns to be discussed is the essential services of landscapers and the use of blowers.
- Mr. Izzo elaborated on the most recent issues surrounding Coronavirus in the Town of Wellesley (see below).

2. Community Health

a) Wellesley Country Club

There had been various complaints about the use of the golf course. Linda Grape reported the club course is closed until early May.

b) Council on Aging and Health Department Initiative

Linda Grape reported on the Supporting Wellesley call center. There was one call over the weekend referencing grocery stores and one other call of a resident requesting a ride to New Hampshire.

3. Public Health Nursing

a) Coronavirus – cases etc.

Ann Marie McCauley reported that there is a total of 36 cases today. One of these cases was an old case and that person has fully recovered. Ms. McCauley and the nursing per diem staff continue working on contact investigations.

Ms. McCauley reported that the National Guard has come to Wellesley to test residents living in the long-term care facilities. At present, only residents showing symptoms are tested and staff is not. Additional information will be provided.

4) Environmental Health

a) Essential Services (Landscapers and Blowers)

Leonard Izzo reported that there continues to be a concern regarding leaf blowers. Mr. Izzo anticipates that this will be reviewed at tonight's Board of Selectmen meeting. A few residents have come forth citing possible dangerous effects of leaf blowers on the health of individuals and the environment. It is thought that a temporary ban on leaf blowers may help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The next conference call of the Board of Health is scheduled for April 7, 2020 at 2:30pm.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

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

- NONE