

Wellesley Board of Health
CONFERENCE CALL
Meeting Minutes
May 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

Staff:

Ann Marie McCauley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor
Deadra Doku-Gardner, Administrator
Leonard Izzo, Director
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator
Krisann Miller, Public Health Nurse
Joyce Saret, Community Social Worker
Vivian Zeng, Environmental Health Specialist

In attendance:

Beth Sullivan Woods, Board of Selectmen
Erika Johnson, former Board of Health member

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 pm.

Minutes were approved from April 29, 2020.

1. Administration

a) Director's Report

Leonard Izzo provided the following updates:

- Mr. Izzo elaborated on recent issues surrounding Coronavirus in the Town of Wellesley (see below).

b) Morses Pond

Leonard Izzo and Beth Sullivan Woods reported on the numerous complaints that have come into the Board of Selectmen's office regarding the use of the Pond last weekend. There were multiple complaints

regarding the lack of social distancing, group gatherings at the beach and excessive traffic on Turner Road.

Mr. Izzo reported that the issues will be further discussed at the department heads meeting on Thursday, 5/7/20.

c) Town wide Messaging

Leonard Izzo and Cheryl Lefman reported on their meeting of Tuesday, May 5, 2020 with Stephanie Hawkinson, regarding town wide messaging of the state-wide face covering order and Wellesley's supplemental face covering order. The daily update from May 6 included trails messaging and reiterated some of the messaging from Governor Baker's most recent state-wide order, as well as Wellesley's supplemental order.

Vivian Zeng also put together a flier for restaurants and food establishments.

d) Masks and Face Coverings

Leonard Izzo reported that the state-wide face covering order and Wellesley's supplemental face covering order are effective as of today.

Mr. Izzo reported that a few questions regarding face coverings have come in from food establishments. It was noted that for the most part, food establishment employees have been wearing masks all along.

Beth Sullivan Woods reported that the Fire Department has started a program to deliver masks to residents in need of a mask. Fire staff will deliver the mask(s) and offer guidance on the correct use of masks. Staff are encouraged to give the names of residents in need to the Fire Department.

e) Business Community/Community Fund for Wellesley - Grant Opportunity

Beth Sullivan Woods reported that the business community would like to work with the Health Department to apply for a grant from the Community Fund for Wellesley. The grant would assist businesses in providing safe workspaces.

Ann Marie McCauley will work with Beth Sullivan Woods on the grant application and process.

f) Wellesley's COVID-19 Relief Fund (sponsored by the Community Fund for Wellesley/Foundation for MetroWest)

As reported at the last meeting, the Community Fund for Wellesley has awarded grants to the Health Department (\$2000), Wellesley Service League, Fire Department and Elizabeth Seton.

Joyce Saret reported on the (health department) program supported by the grant. The first set of 30 meals were delivered on Tuesday by Captain Marden's. North End Pizza meals will be prepared and delivered on Thursday. This pilot program - delivering meals from local restaurants to homebound residents will continue for the next two weeks.

2. Community Health

- a) Supporting Wellesley Care Line (staffed by the COA)
Joyce Saret reported that the usual calls are coming in from seniors. The Care Line has received some calls however, staff and designated volunteers are able to manage the volume and requests.

- b) Wellesley Food Pantry
Joyce Saret reported that she has spoken with Cynthia Scott. Ms. Scott reports that the pantry is doing very well. They have obtained additional freezer space at the housing authority to accommodate frozen foods and meats.

3. Public Health Nursing

- a) Coronavirus – cases, etc.
Ann Marie McCauley reported that there have been no new cases since last Friday (5/1/20). The cases they have received are from antibody testing.

Ms. McCauley reported that she and the nursing staff continue to contact the facilities on a regular basis.

4) Environmental Health

- a) Variance Requests
At the last meeting, Leonard Izzo reported that there have been variance requests for several projects. Mr. Izzo requests Board of Health approval on these and asked that the requests be added to the agenda of an upcoming BOH meeting.

- b) Food Establishments

Vivian Zeng reported that she sent a notice to all food establishments, notifying them of Governor Baker's most recent state-wide face covering order, as well as Wellesley's supplemental order.

Ms. Zeng reported on the new sushi operation at Roche Brothers. She met with the store manager and completed a walk thru of the location. Ms. Zeng reported there is a reduction of the number of meat products that can be purchased.

Ms. Zeng reported that Papa Razzi opened on May 4; they are aware of the new protocols.

Quebrada has started to reduce daily store hours.

The next conference call meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

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

- NONE