

Wellesley Board of Health
CONFERENCE CALL
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 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 Hannenberg, MD, Associate Member

Staff:

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

In attendance:

Linda Cohen, resident
John Lanza, Advisory Committee, Liaison
Beth Sullivan Woods, Board of Selectmen

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm.

The Board of Health approved the following minutes: June 10, 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.

b) Healthy Wellesley Fund

At the last meeting (6/10/20), the Board of Health voted to approve the use of up to \$10k from the Healthy Wellesley Fund for the purchase of flu vaccine for the 2020-2021 flu season.

At today's meeting, Ms. McCauley reported that she placed an additional flu vaccine order for the Fall.

c) Social Worker Position

As noted at the last meeting, the Community Social Worker position has been posted by Human Resources (HR). Leonard Izzo reported HR received several applications for this position.

Mr. Izzo reported the Coleman Institute contacted him regarding the Community Social Worker position, and are interested in partnering. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

d) Morses Pond

At the last meeting, Leonard Izzo confirmed that Morses Pond beach will be closed for supervised swimming. At today's meeting, Mr. Izzo reported that weekly water testing will take place as it has every year.

Mr. Izzo reiterated there will be no lifeguards on duty and park rangers will be hired to patrol the area.

e) Metrowest COVID-19 Restaurant Grant

As noted at a previous meeting, the Board of Health was awarded a grant of \$6,000 to provide a restaurant meal (one time) to identified residents impacted by COVID-19.

Joyce Saret reported there will be additional funding to continue the program. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

f) Metrowest COVID-19 Merchants Grant (Wellesley Square Merchants Association)

The Board of Health along with the Wellesley Square Merchants Association was awarded a grant of \$15,000 to assist the merchants in preparing their locations for retail visitors.

Wellesley retailers will be provided PPE containing masks, thermometers and other items necessary to re-open safely.

Ann Marie McCauley reported that the products are expected to arrive within a week.

2. Community Health

a) Mental Health and Social Services

Leonard Izzo reported on the status of the HRS outreach workers. The outreach workers are on a school year contract however, they continue to work with certain students during the summer.

Joyce Saret provided a summary of the social work services being provided throughout town. Ms. Saret continues to facilitate a daily call with social workers throughout Wellesley.

b) COVID-19

Marcia Testa Simonson reported on the updated numbers which are significantly reduced. The focus of study is shifting to students returning to colleges and universities in the fall. They will measure quality of life and mental health issues.

3. Public Health Nursing

c) Coronavirus – cases, etc.

Ann Marie McCauley reported there are three new cases that have come in in the last two days.

Ms. McCauley reported that one case traveled to Florida. Ms. McCauley will contact the airline.

d) Shingles Clinic

Ann Marie McCauley reported the Health Department will conduct a drive thru shingles clinic on Thursday, June 17, 2020. There are approximately 14 residents coming for their second dose of the Shingrix vaccine.

4) Environmental Health

a) Wellesley Public Schools and Daycares

Leonard Izzo reported he is now on the committee addressing the issues related to reopening of schools in the fall. Ann Marie McCauley noted that health departments must be part of reopening planning.

b) Camps

Ms. McCauley noted that only a few camps (out of normally 40+camps) will be in operation in Wellesley this summer. Ann Marie McCauley and Leonard Izzo said additional camps may come in as restrictions are lifted.

c) Boston Sports Club

Holly Detroy reported that she believes Boston Sports Club will not be reopening. No contact has been made with the location and there is no indication that camp will be running.

d) Food Establishments

Holly Detroy and Vivian Zeng reported that several restaurants are now open for outdoor dining. Ms. Zeng reported on the status of Maugus Restaurant which has been approved for outside seating in the front of the location.

Café Mangal received a thirty-day approval by the NRC to use the parkland in the back of the establishment.

There have been complaints about overflowing trash at JP Licks.

The next conference call of the Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

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

- NONE