

Wellesley Board of Health  
CONFERENCE CALL  
Meeting Minutes  
June 24, 2020  
2:35 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  
Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Agent  
Deadra Doku-Gardner, Administrator  
Leonard Izzo, Director  
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator  
Joyce Saret, Community Social Worker

In attendance:

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) Cell Phone Towers

Leonard Izzo reported the Municipal Light Plant intends on installing 5G cell phone towers. Neighborhood groups are organizing in opposition to the installation, as they fear there may be long term health effects as a result of the towers. There will be an online forum on this subject tonight.

c) Block Parties

The Board of Selectmen have received requests for block parties. Mr. Izzo will review the guidelines around these gatherings.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

d) Wellesley Public Schools

Leonard Izzo reported the Governor is expected to provide school reopening guidelines this week.

e) 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 has received several applications for this position. Joyce Saret is reviewing the applicants as they come in.

f) Metrowest COVID-19 Restaurant Grant

The Board of Health was awarded additional grant funding of \$10,000, \$6,000 of which is for the provision of a restaurant meal for identified residents impacted by COVID-19.

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

As noted at the last meeting, 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.

At today's meeting, Ann Marie McCauley reported the products arrived and have been distributed to the merchants.

## **2. Community Health**

a) Mental Health and Social Services

Cheryl Lefman reported that Jon Mattleman developed short videos (bursts) on mental health issues among others. The videos may be accessed on the CHNA18.org website.

- b) COVID-19  
Marcia Testa Simonson reported on the greatly reduced number of cases throughout the state.

- c) Council on Aging (COA)  
Joyce Saret reported the COA voted on a new director on Thursday, June 4, 2020.

As reported at the last meeting, t COA outreach worker Kate Burnham is taking a leave of absence. The COA has hired a temporary replacement, Marylou Walker Sietz.

- d) Coronavirus – cases, etc.  
Ann Marie McCauley reported there are no new cases today.

- e) Shingles Clinic  
Ann Marie McCauley reported the Health Department conducted a drive-thru shingles clinic on Thursday, June 17, 2020. 12 residents received their second dose of Shingrix vaccine.

#### **4) Environmental Health**

- f) Recreation Department  
Ann Marie McCauley reported the Recreation Department will be running small programs such as art classes. Mr. Izzo reported that no one will be using the second floor (of the Warren Building) this summer.

- g) Camps  
Ann Marie McCauley and Leonard Izzo reported there are only two camps that will operate this summer. Others will offer programs only (not camps).

- h) Pools  
Holly Detroy reported that nothing has come in from Boston Sports Club regarding opening of their pool. Ms. Detroy reported on others that will open.

Vivian Zeng will be doing a walk thru of the pool facility at the Wellesley Green Condominium.

No pool can be unmonitored this summer due to COVID-19.

i) Food Establishments

Holly Detroy reported the restaurants that are now open seem to be doing well. Smith and Wollensky, Signs Café, Junipers and Paparazzi are operating outside. Café Mangal will be operating outside in July. They have received a thirty-day approval by the NRC to use the parkland in the back of the establishment.

The next conference call of the Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner  
Administrator

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

- NONE