

Wellesley Board of Health  
90 Washington Street  
Wellesley, MA, 02481  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2019

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, MPA, Chairman  
Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD, Vice Chairman  
Linda Oliver Grape, PA-C, MPH, Secretary  
Carol Hannenberg, Associate

Staff:

Leonard Izzo, Director  
Deadra Doku-Gardner, Administrator  
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator  
Ann Marie McCauley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor

In attendance:

Alison Cross, resident, Food Rescue and Recovery Coordinator  
John Lanza, Advisory Committee, liaison  
Beth Sullivan Woods, Board of Selectmen  
Lloyd Tarlin, MD, resident and former Board member  
Patrick Tinsley, Fletcher Tilton, 370 Main St, Worcester, MA

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM

**1. Administration**

a) Chairman's Report

Shepard Cohen reported on the following:

- Vaping – Shep Cohen reported on vaping restrictions around the country and other local communities.

b) Directors Report

In addition to the agenda items, Leonard Izzo provided the following updates:

- Wellesley College – Mr. Izzo reported that there have been significant service changes to the healthcare services being provided to students. All services for students are being transitioned to a private healthcare practice. Mr. Izzo will be meeting with the college to ensure that students are receiving proper care and follow-up.

c) FY21 Budget Process

John Lanza provided an overview of the possible budget process for the upcoming months. Beth Sullivan Woods reported that there are currently no guidelines in place.

Additional information will be provided following the upcoming Inter-board meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019.

d) Camp Transportation Funds

The Board of Health voted to approve utilizing additional funds from the Healthy Wellesley fund to pay the camp transportation invoice to JSC Transportation. Several grants and gifts were awarded for this purpose, however there was still a gap in the funding.

e) Staff Positions and Job Descriptions

The Board of Health has submitted the following revised job descriptions to the Human Resource Department:

- Senior Environmental Health Specialist
- Administrator
- Senior Community Social Worker

The Board of Health plans to attend the next Human Resources Board meeting on September 24, 2019 to discuss the aforementioned job positions.

Leonard Izzo reported that the Senior Community Social Worker position has been posted and that so far there are 22 applicants.

## **2. Community Health**

a) Mental Health – HRS

The Board of Health reviewed the FY19 summary of work provided by Human Relations Services.

## **3. Public Health Nursing**

a) Vaccine Update

Ms. McCauley reported that she will begin vaccination of Shingrix (for prevention of Shingles) to those on the waiting list. The first clinic will be held on September 12, 2019.

b) Monthly Report

The Board of Health reviewed the nursing reports for the months of July and August.

**4) Environmental Health**

a) Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)

Leonard Izzo reviewed the most recent decision by the Department of Public Health to conduct aerial insecticide spraying during the next week. Aerial spraying will be weather dependent. Mr. Izzo reported on the town sponsored sports programs voluntarily ending by 6:00 p.m. The Recreation Department has also shifted their programs to end by 6:00 p.m. and private groups are being encouraged to do the same.

Cheryl Lefman and the town communication manager Stephanie Hawkinson are collaborating on messages alerting residents about the aerial spraying and personal precaution measures to avoid mosquito bites, as well as avoiding outdoor activities between dusk and dawn. Electronic signboards will be utilized throughout town.

Mr. Izzo reported on a resident petition dated September 10, 2019 requesting immediate and widespread spraying throughout the town. Approximately 300 names were on the petition.

The Board of Health reviewed the FAQ's as well as the press release that is being distributed. All this information is posted on the Town of Wellesley website.

b) Vaping and e-cigarettes

Patrick Tinsley of the law firm Fletcher Tilton was present and reported that he was attending the meeting to review any proposed and possible changes in the Wellesley Board of Health tobacco regulations. Shepard Cohen reported that there were no changes being voted on to-date and explained that eventually the regulations would be modeled similarly to those in place in Walpole.

Additional information will be provided at a later date.

c) Wellesley Sports Center

Leonard Izzo reported that the location is fully operational – the pool, the rink and the food services have all been permitted.

d) Boston Sports Club (BSC)

At the last several meetings, Leonard Izzo provided inspectional information regarding the closure of the indoor swimming pool and whirlpool at Boston Sports Club. The Board of Health reviewed an order-letter written and dated 4/12/19 to BSC, referencing the pool suspension of operations. The inspection noted non-compliance of water quality, record keeping, staff training and supervision, sanitation and maintenance, poor ventilation, unsatisfactory test kit condition and missing items in the first aid kit. Documentation that was requested and repair orders have not been addressed within timeframes ordered. Multiple requests for status updates have been made to no avail.

The Board of Health approved issuing a pool permit to BSC for 30 days from May 1 to May 30, 2019 (the extension ended May 30, 2019).

At the last meeting, Mr. Izzo reported there continued to be issues. The management had expected and requested to open the outdoor facility for the Memorial Day holiday weekend, however there had not been any progress since the walk thru that was conducted in early May. Among a host of issues, the slide pool continued to leak at a rate of approximately 3-4 inches of water per day.

At today's meeting, Mr. Izzo reported that the indoor lap pool is open, however the indoor whirlpool remains closed and is undergoing repair.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

## 5) Emergency Preparedness

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is TBD.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. and the Board went into Executive Session at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner  
Administrator

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

- HRS, FY19 report
- Nursing reports – July and August 2019
- EEE FAQ and press release dated 9/10/19