

DRAFT September 2, 2020

**Wallingford Board of Health
45 South Main Street, Town Hall
Minutes of September 2, 2020**

Call to Order: 8:35 a.m. by Stephen Civitelli, DOH.

Present: Mayor Dickinson, Jeffrey Necio, Len Guercia, Kathy Neelon, Stephen Civitelli, Dr. Delbert Smith, Isaac Cardona

Excused: Melinda Schoen, Daryll Porto

Guests: Anne Bernick (Public Health Nurse)

May 6, 2020 BOH meeting canceled

Directors Report (See attached):

1. **Communicable Illness:** Anne Bernick noted influenza clinic schedule and that the VNA was hosting several employee flu clinics and one public drive thru clinic at the public library. The flyer for the public flu clinic was shared with the board and has been posted on the town website. Anne described the current contract tracing program and how the Microsoft system functions. Stephen and Anne discussed the handout regarding the current number of cases and other related statistics of the town related to COVID-19. This presentation is to be posted on the town website.
2. **School Health:** Kathy Neelon discussed the extensive work surrounding the reopening of the public schools and the coordination with multiple town departments. A decision tree was devised for addressing the most common situations related to illness in the school system. The 1st day of school is slated to be September 3, 2020. The BOE and the Health department will be monitoring the metrics on a county and community level throughout the school year. A wellness office and a sick office has been developed to address some of the COVID-19 concerns.
3. **Environmental:** Stephen stated the Certified Profession Food Manager (CPFM) Course was held on August 24th. As this was our 1st class post COVID-19 social distancing measures and masking requirements were implemented. Sanitarian staff have been responding to CT Reopen Guidance as it relates to COVID-19. Primarily, these complaints have been associated with masking, social distancing, and capacity concerns.
4. **PHEP:** Stephen discussed the information regarding expectations from the CDC relating to providing a COVID-19 vaccine when available. The model provided from CDC would require local health departments to vaccinate critical infrastructure employees. These employees are considered to be police, fire, EMS and public health workforce. A small number of doses would be made available on a weekly basis for distribution.
5. **Administrative:** Stephen discussed the 30 month ELC grant award provided by CDC for COVID-19 response. The budget is being devised at this point however, after discussion with Mayor Dickinson the plan is to hire a temporary public health nurse and a contact tracer to assist in the response to COVID-19. Other supplies related to mass vaccination clinics are also being budgeted for under the grant.

Next Meeting: December 2, 2020

Meeting adjourned 9:20 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen A. Civitelli, RS, MPH
Director of Health