



BOARD OF HEALTH

August 16, 2022

The meeting was in Room 5 of the Town hall and was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Chairman Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Daniel King, Dr. Jane Williams and Director of Public Health, Shelly Newhouse. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 20, 2022. The September 6, 2022 meeting will be cancelled due to the election.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of July 19, 2022.

The Board reviewed the most recent food inspection reports.

Public Health Excellence Grant

The Director informed the Board that planning meetings are taking place for shared services for a collaboration with Lexington and Burlington. We have hired a shared services coordinator who will be in charge of administering the grant program. The funding won't be received until late Fall which gives our Tri-Ton region group time to plan for programs. The Director will continually update the Board on the progress of the grant.

Tobacco Control Inspector

Currently the Department has the position of tobacco control inspector open. There have been two applicants. This is a regional collaboration between Wilmington, Lexington, Bedford and Concord.

Public Health Nurse

Traci Mello, the public health nurse is resigning her position to take on new opportunities elsewhere. Currently the part-time position is posted. The Director will keep the Board updated on candidates.

COVID Update

Reported cases are low. New guidelines for isolation have been issued. There is no more close contact quarantine only a day isolation for positive cases. The Health Department is still promoting vaccinations and boosters. A Fall booster clinic will be held with the School department.

Shingrix Clinic

The Health Department offered a Shingles vaccine to ages 50+ on August 15, 2022. The second dose will be offered within 6 months.

Dr. Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m., Dr. King seconded, voted 3-0.


Recording:

Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health