



BOARD OF HEALTH
, December 7, 2021

The meeting was in Room 9 of the Town hall and was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Dan King, Dr. Jane Williams and Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is on December 21, 2021 which the Board decided to cancel. The next meeting will be January 4, 2022

The Minutes of November 16, 2021 were reviewed and approved.

The Board reviewed the most recent food inspection reports.

Department Business

362 Middlesex Avenue, Massachusetts Detox Center, kitchen floor plan

The Director presented the Board with the floor of the kitchen. The Director has inspected the site and gives a favorable recommendation. She will be going back December 9, 2021 to see it fully operational with food. The food establishment permit application has been submitted to the Department. Dr. King motioned to approve the kitchen plan, Dr. Williams, seconded, voted approved 3-0.

Coronavirus Update

The Director updated the Board that there are currently 239 active positives in Town. 100+ are breakthrough cases of fully vaccinated individuals. We are definitely in the post holiday a surge in line with the rest of Massachusetts. Contact tracing and case investigation efforts are continuing to use all of the Town Nurse's resources. The Director sent a memo to the Finance Committee requesting that come the first of the year 2022 the Health Department will continue to be funded for the excess hours it takes to conduct Covid tracing and case investigations.

The Director has scheduled COVID booster clinics on December 9 and 16th. The Department is continuing to promote vaccinations as the most important way to reduce Covid infections.

Dr. Williams motioned to adjourn at 6:00 p.m., voted 3-0.

Recording:
Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health