



BOARD OF HEALTH

July 19, 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 is on August 2, 2022.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of June 22, 2022.

The Board reviewed the most recent food inspection reports. They commented on how the food inspector, Mark Masiello is doing an excellent job.

Public Health Excellence Grant

The Director informed the Board that Wilmington Health Department was awarded a public health excellence grant for shared services. This is a shared collaboration with Lexington and Burlington. The Tri-Ton region. The grant is for up to \$300,000 annually for the next 3 years with the option for a renewed grant cycle for up to 6 years. Much planning will commence as a Tri-Ton region we will be brainstorming ways to utilize the grant for shared services. 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 no applicants. This is a regional collaboration between Wilmington, Lexington, Bedford and Concord. The Director is attending the MTCP meetings until the position is filled.

COVID Update

Reported cases are low. There are definitely more positives as at home Antigen testing is widely available. The Health Department is promoting vaccinations and boosters. Fall clinics will be held as demand is needed.

Shingrix Clinic

The Health Department is offering a Shingles vaccine to ages 50+ on August 15, 2022. This is open to all residents.

Opioid Settlement funds

On July 21, the Attorney General announced a \$26 billion resolution with opioid distributors and Johnson & Johnson, which will provide more than \$500 million to the Commonwealth and its cities and towns for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery across Massachusetts. Wilmington will be receiving funds to support these issues. The Director will keep the Board updated as the process and decision making on utilizing funds begins.

Now that the pandemic is winding down, the Board as a whole is happy that the Health Department is moving forward in a more productive role in promoting public health.

Dr. Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m., Dr. King seconded, voted 3-0.



Recording:

Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health