

Minutes of the meeting of the board of health

Date of meeting: December 2, 2020

Transcribed by Patrick MacDonald

Meeting held remotely due to Covid 19

1. Call meeting to order by chairman
2. roll call

Members present

Amy Wiegandt, M.D. Chairman

Catherine Phinney, RN, Member

Kathleen Waldron, Member

Lawrence Perry , Associate Member (5:15)

Also present:

Robert M. Ethier, Director

Patrick MacDonald, Health Inspector

Julie Sylvia

Absent

Glenn Monteiro

3. Health Agent's report

A copy of Mr. Ethier's regular report is attached dated December 2, 2020.

Mr. Ethier suggested the Board should try and obtain an intern for the summer to help with the water monitoring program. He will pursue.

Mr. Ethier explained his efforts in conjunction with the Plymouth County Emergency Preparedness Coalition, the Wareham Police Department, the Wareham Fire Department, and EMS is working to create a 'drive-through ' vaccination center in the middle school parking lot. The Coalition has helped fill out the required paperwork to have the Board of Health become certified by the Commonwealth.

4. Covid 19 Update

Those present engaged in a discussion of the effects that Covid-19 has had on the citizens of Wareham. Dr Wiegandt expressed concern that the numbers of those confirmed to have Covid has risen to levels higher than any from March of 2020. She attributed that to the likelihood that families had get-together at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Ms. Sylvia that there have been 39 confirmed cases in the past three days,

## **HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT**

December 2, 2020

Last meeting: November 18, 2020

### **TITLE 5 REVIEW AND VARIANCES**

3 Conventional Title V upgrades 3 plan reviews

0 Alternative systems

### **PERCOLATION TESTS**

3 1 new, 2 upgrades

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

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### **INSPECTIONS**

Restaurant inspections for 2020 continue, with approximately 25 left to complete

### **BEACH WATER SAMPLING PROGRAM**

The Board should try and get an intern from the Department of public health. Last year's program was run entirely by volunteers.

### **COURT CASES**

None

### **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Continues with blood pressure clinics, as well as Covid 19 responses

### **DISEASE REPORTING**

Report is ongoing regarding Covid 19

### **PLYMOUTH COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COALITION**

All meetings are held remotely.

Being a member of this Coalition helps fund portions of the BOH operations, and helps the Town apply for grants and programs available through the Commonwealth. The Coalition will aid the Town in completing a 30-page document which will permit the BOH to be a vaccine distribution body.

The Coalition continues to have discussions regarding how to distribute the Covid vaccine. At the moment Step 1 is available to health care providers and first responders only. The belief is the vaccine will be available only after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Of concern is how to get Wareham's most vulnerable citizens vaccinated.