

BOARD OF HEALTH
March 20, 2023, 5:00 pm
In-Person Meeting at High School

Present: Ruth Trimarchi, Chair
Greg Sawicki, Vice Chair

Maureen Pimentel, Member
Jennifer Murphy, Director

Meeting opened at 5:00 pm, R. Trimarchi, Chair.

Minutes. A motion by M. Pimentel, seconded by G. Sawicki, to accept the minutes of February 13, 2023. Motion passed, unanimous vote.

Public Comment. There were no public comment requests. Public Comment was closed.

Reorganization Meeting. The regular meeting was closed at 5:05 pm to conduct the Board's reorganization meeting. J. Murphy called the reorganization meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Motion made by M. Pimentel to nominate herself as Chair. Motion was not seconded, motion failed. Motion by G. Sawicki to nominate Ruth Trimarchi as Chair, seconded by R. Trimarchi. M. Pimentel – No, G. Sawicki – Yes, R. Trimarchi – Yes, motion passed by a 2 to 1 vote. Motion by R. Trimarchi to nominate G. Sawicki as Vice Chair, seconded by G. Sawicki. M. Pimentel – Abstained, G. Sawicki – Yes, R. Trimarchi – Yes. Motion passed by a 2 to 1 vote. Ruth Trimarchi made a statement regarding her time in the last year as Chair. J. Murphy read thru the formal appointment provisions as noted in the attached document. Reorganization meeting was closed at 5:15 pm. Regular meeting was reopened at 5:15 pm.

Director's Update. D. Butler noted that the following programs have been presented: Youth Mental Health First Aid (2 sessions) and is looking to bring Teen Mental Health First Aid to the high school in September; Peter Gray presented "Play" to parents; and "Chasing Childhood" was presented to parents. Wednesday Lisa Damour will present "Emotional Life of Teens."

J. Murphy gave the following updates on behalf of K. DaCampo: Covid Emergency will end May 11. Beginning July 1, Covid data will be removed from dashboard and directed to the State's dashboard; HPV Vaccines were offered to high school seniors resulting in one registrant. Will expand next year to all high school students; Covid test kits and masks were given out on election day.

J. Murphy's update: YRBS Survey was reviewed and amended, should be administered in April; Recently attended the quarterly HUB Meeting – new query software, opioid spending plans, recovery coach and transportation for after treatment, and a diversion program for suspended high school students; M. Buzby, Tobacco Collaborative Coordinator, conducted compliance checks for the flavored vape CRAVE at four of the seven permittees and all were compliant. More compliance checks to follow; The new Food Safety Consultants have been doing well, and J. Murphy will follow up on some issues; Met with FinCom regarding FY24 budget, with a majority supporting the expanded budget for a FT inspector. J. Murphy will be absent the first night of Town Meeting; Rodent Control – baiting has been scaled back and possibly proposing restrictions to pesticide use in Town, researching electrocution boxes; SSO Event March 14 & 15.

R. Trimarchi discussed the following: Proposed "orientation packet" with a draft idea; 2022 Annual Report; Covid compensation for J. Murphy was tabled, Jen is discussing with Town Manager; will revisit J. Murphy's review next meeting.

Student Volunteers. R. Wang reported they met with school administration trying to identify mental health issues for survey; A. Madden is currently gathering information from food plan consultants to be presented to the board.

Lynch Elementary School. R. Trimarchi sent a list of questions to the Board regarding the Lynch rebuild and Meg White will submit them to the Design Committee. The Board members discussed what responsibilities may pertain to the Board.

PFAS. J. Murphy & R. Trimarchi met with Jim Gibbons (Water Dept) and discussed the reported PFAS level at zero. B. Rudolph will update to the reading and work with the DPW Director and Westin & Sampson to develop a clear chart. R. Trimarchi suggested doing more for the public such as holding an event.

Outdoor Accessible Gym. Now in the hands of the Jenks Center.

Adjournment. Motion by G. Sawicki, seconded by R. Trimarchi, to adjourn meeting. Motion passed, unanimous vote. Next meeting May 8, 2023, at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ruth Trimarchi, Chair

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Attachments

BOARD OF HEALTH
March 20, 2023, 5:00 pm
Winchester High School

Present: Ruth Trimarchi, Chair
Greg Sawicki, Vice Chair

Maureen Pimentel, Member
Jennifer Murphy, Director

Director of Public Health, Jennifer Murphy called the Reorganization Meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

On a motion by Ruth Trimarchi seconded by Maureen Pimentel, it was moved and seconded that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 27 of the Massachusetts General Laws, voted to organize and elect Ruth Trimarchi as Chair and Greg Sawicki as Vice Chair.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 30 of the Massachusetts General Laws voted to appoint Jennifer Murphy as its Director ("Agent").

Moved and seconded, that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 30 of the Massachusetts General Laws, voted to appoint Catherine Celler, M.D. as the Board of Health Physician.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 129, Section 15 of the Massachusetts General Laws, voted to appoint Edward O'Connell as Inspector of Animals, subject to the approval of the Director of Animal Health, Department of Agriculture.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 30 of the Massachusetts General Laws, vote to appoint its agent/Director J. Murphy or, any Board Member to act for the Board of Health in case of an emergency if the Board cannot conveniently assemble and in each case, shall within forty eight (48) hours report the action to the full Board for its approval and each shall be directly responsible to the full Board under the direction and control of the Board members collectively.

Moved and seconded, that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 114, Section 45 of the Massachusetts General Laws, appoint the following individuals to be authorized to issue burial permits: Jennifer Murphy, Director, Regina Gray, Administrative Secretary, Karen DaCampo, Public Health Nurse, and any person authorized by the Dept. of Public Health.

Moved and seconded that the Board, acting in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 113 of the Massachusetts General Laws, voted to appoint the Director of Public Health, Public Health Nurse and Administrative Secretary to give notice to the State Department of Public Health of all diseases dangerous to the public health occurring in Winchester.

Motion made by Ruth Trimarchi to accept the provisions as moved, seconded by Maureen Pimentel. Unanimous Vote.

Motion by Maureen Pimentel, seconded by Greg Sawicki, to close reorganization meeting. Unanimous Vote. Meeting closed at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Murphy, Director of Public Health

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R. Trimarchi Statement re serving as BOH Chair 3/20/2023

I've enjoying serving as Chair for the past year and would like to continue in this role. Over the year we have successfully worked together to build consensus over many issues, and to respectfully discuss a wide range of issues, occasionally voting differently.

Specifically, we've not only continued to support the Health Department in implementing the broad scope of our regulations including voting the Fee Schedule and reviewing and significantly updating the Tobacco regulations, we have found time to accomplish things previous Boards had not yet done, including these accomplishments while I've served as Chair:

- wrote and adopted a Public Comment Policy
- deliberated on and adopted BOH Goals
- greatly improved the BOH webpage
- established Youth Volunteer seats
- adopted Reproductive Health Rights and Heat Strategy statements
- delivered two climate and one monkeypox webinar and co-sponsored one in-person affordable housing event
- hosted TM proponents presentations for 3 TM Articles and we voted to support 2 Articles
- designed and delivered Public Health Advisories for Covid, Flu, RSV, Monkeypox, Cold Weather and Norovirus
- met with the School Committee and Superintendent, Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager; Chair of the Select Board; Finance Committee; Trees Working Group, Climate Committee and Sustainability Director; Department of Public Works; MAPC and other State and regional bodies
- extensively researched increasing the size of the BOH from 3 to 5 members; pivoted to first focusing on increasing the size of the HD as needed
- supported the HD in handing out free Covid tests and health brochures on ticks, mental health and alcohol concerns at multiple public events

Upcoming year:

- continue w above
- drive Environmental Inspector position at TM
- develop and deliver rat management program
- develop and deliver PFAS awareness program
- identify and put front and center all of the regulations we're responsible for
- support Mental Health summit
- continue to mentor the BOH Youth Volunteers

Ruth Trimarchi
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