

BOARD OF HEALTH
May 2, 2022, 4:30 pm
Remote Zoom Meeting

Present: Ruth Trimarchi, Chair
Greg Sawicki, Member

Maureen Pimentel, Member
Jennifer Murphy, Director

Meeting opened at 4:30 pm, R. Trimarchi, Chair.

1. Review minutes of January 10, 2022. Minutes were not voted on. R. Gray will add the dates of minutes reviewed at this meeting and update for approval at next Board meeting.
2. Upcoming Events: Town Day will be held on June 4, 2022. The Health Dept. will be partnering with Winchester Hospital to provide the tick display, and a representative from Tick Report will be providing the coverage at the table and will provide information of tick prevention.
3. Public Comment. The following residents participated in Public Comment:

Jian Liu, 217 Highland Ave
Yaping Zhang, 51 Vine St
Pamela Cort, 112 Arlington St
Susan DeLeo, 24 Taft Dr

All emails were distributed to the Board members. There were no other requests to speak, public comment closed. Emails were submitted for public comment by: Jack LeMenager, Stephen McCabe, Monica Ross, Susan DeLeo and Yaping Zhang.

4. Director's Report. J. Murphy the following updates:
 - Tick Talk Webinar with Blake Dinius took place on April 3, 2022, and was recorded by WinCam and is available on the Health Dept. web page and on WinCam; Tick Report will have a representative at the tick display at Town Day. Due to a generous donation from Winchester Hospital, residents can have tick tested at the reduced rate of \$10 at tickreport.com using the code winhosp.
 - Medication Take Back Day was held this past Saturday, April 30, 2022, and 280 lbs of medication and 77 lbs. of sharps were collected. The Health Dept. will provide another Take Back Day in the fall. Kiosks are available 24/7 at the police station to drop off unused medication and sharps.
 - The Emergency Preparedness Coalition has approved funding for a backup vaccine refrigerator.
 - The Medical Reserve Core that Winchester is part of is being reorganized and will have one dedicated coordinator to be shared amongst the communities. The Public Health Excellence Grant is providing funding for a shared inspector.
 - Health Dept. part-time inspector posting just closed and less than 10 applicants responded. There were two COVID vaccination clinics in April and 224 patients were vaccinated. Tomorrow a clinic for Town employees will be held. The Health Dept. continues to offer a variety of vaccines to the public, as well as blood pressure screenings.
5. Old Business: None
6. New Business: None

7. Consideration of Town Meeting Mask Mandate. A discussion regarding the current mandate took place. G. Sawicki presented a graph of "Recent North System RNA Signal by Date," and COVID-19 Dashboard. At the conclusion of the discussion no changes to the mandate were made.
8. Adjournment. A Motion by R. Trimarchi, seconded by G. Sawicki, to adjourn the meeting was made. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting closed at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ruth Trimarchi, Chair

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