

Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2022

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Julie Lemay.

In keeping with Chapter 20, of the Acts of 2021, the extension of the remote participation portion of Governor Baker's Executive Order from March 12, 2020; - "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law" – The Board of Health Meeting of October 17, 2022 was held by Remote Access through ZOOM.

Those present were Julie C. Lemay, MPH, Chair; Adrienne Allen, M.D., M.P.H., Vice Chair; Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Member; Wesley Chin, Health Director; Diana Ekman, Assistant Health Director; Lindsey Sharp, Health Agent; Maria Reddington, Clerk.

There was no public participation.

The Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2022 passed by a vote of 3-0.

Lindsey Sharp provided the following COVID data:

- 107 cases in September, 54 cases through October 17th.
- The CDC Community Level for Middlesex County is categorized at the medium level. The link to check the COVID Community Level is <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>
- There are no obvious COVID-19 spread in classrooms. There was one Butler School classroom of concern.
- The Health Department has planned three vaccine clinics: October 27<sup>th</sup>, October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The clinic scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> will allow students to receive a booster on an early release day.

The Director/Assistant Director/Public Health Nurse/Health Agent report was reviewed:

- Update to the Attorney General's office receivership filing: The lender of this property will have the opportunity to inspect the property and decide if they will proceed with foreclosure. If the lender does not proceed with foreclosure, the property will be placed into receivership with the State.
- Properties deemed to be uninhabitable should be the only reason to request assistance from the Housing Court/Attorney General's office.
- Diana Ekman provided an update to Bruegger's Order to Correct issued by the Board of Health at last month's meeting. A Health Department inspection revealed a number of unresolved items including excess debris around the dumpster, plumbing issues, and general uncleanliness. Diana spoke to the District Manager who assured her the items would be corrected by Wednesday.
- Three Food Establishment Plan Reviews were received: Theo's (new owner), Comella's (new location), and Butternut Bakehouse (new establishment).
- Wesley Chin recently inspected the Belmont High School cafeteria following a complaint of a bad odor, similar to rotten vegetables. Wes was unable to make a determination as to the cause of the odor. The Facilities department and Builder are involved in the matter.

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- Lindsey Sharp reported on the Academic Public Health Corps, a local public health resource to assist in social media and public communication efforts. Two public health students will help create materials requested by the Health Department.
- Disease report breakdown September 14<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>:  
3 Influenza / 1 Hepatitis C / 1 West Nile Virus.
- Suzanne Trasavage, Animal Care and Control Officer, is scheduled to return to work next Monday!
- Public Health Excellence Grant – Capacity Assessment Surveys will be emailed to Belmont Board of Health members and staff. You are kindly asked to complete this Survey by November 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Receipts Report was reviewed.

The Youth and Family Services Report was reviewed. Dr. Adrienne Allen asked who donates to the Giving Tree. Religious organizations, local business, and private citizens generously donate to this holiday gift drive each year.

The Veteran's Services Report was reviewed. The annual Veterans Day Breakfast will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Beech Street Center. Pre-registration is required.

The Email Rotation Schedule will be included on the monthly agenda. Julie Lemay will review emails addressed to the Board of Health email address this month.

The next Board of Health meetings are scheduled for November 21, 2022 at 5:00 pm, and December 19, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

The Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie C. Lemay, Chair