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LEICESTER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
June 29, 2020 (Virtual Meeting)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Montiverdi, Richard Spaulding, Diane Moffat

MEMBERS ABSENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: Kelly Conroy, Admin. BoH, Michelle Buck, DIS, Julie VanArsdalen (via phone), CMPHA

MEETING DATE: June 29, 2020

MEETING TIME: 5:30 PM

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Meeting called to order at: 5:32 PM

Chris Montiverdi did a roll call. All members present.

Re-organization of board. R. Spaulding and D. Moffat both noted that they would like C. Montiverdi to stay on as chairperson.

Motion: R. Spaulding moved to have C. Montiverdi remain chair of the board until following year

Discussion: None

Second: Diane Moffat

Roll call vote: All in favor (3-0-0)

Motion: C. Montiverdi moved the have R. Spaulding remain vice chair of the board until following year

Discussion: None

Second: Diane Moffat

Roll call vote: All in favor (3-0-0)

Motion: R. Spaulding moved to ratify bills as presented.

Discussion: C. Montiverdi explained to new member the ratification [process

Second: C. Montiverdi

Roll call vote: All in favor (3-0-0)

Motion: R. Spaulding moved to accept minutes dated April 23, 2020 as presented.

Discussion: None

Second: C. Montiverdi

Roll call vote: Two in Favor, 1 Abstention (D. Moffat) (2-0-1)

Motion: R. Spaulding moved to accept minutes dated April 29, 2020 as presented.

Discussion: None

Second: C. Montiverdi

Roll call vote: Two in Favor, 1 Abstention (D. Moffat) (2-0-1)

Motion: R. Spaulding moved to accept minutes dated May 6, 2020 as presented.

Discussion: Changed typo Dept to Department

Second: C. Montiverdi

Roll call vote: Two in Favor, 1 Abstention (D. Moffat) (2-0-1)

Septic Inspections/Perc/Soil/Reviews/Miscellaneous

J. VanArsdalen noted she conducted the pool inspections for Archway/Nazareth Home and Giguere's. A second inspection was conducted at Giguere's to check emergency phone line. Permits were issued. She also conducted camp inspection at Camp Wind in the Pines. She has conducted inspections at 53 Fairview Drive (2 bottom, component), 39 Parker Street (component), 2 Salminen Drive (bottom and component), 58 Henshaw Street (bottom). Perc testing was witnessed at 17 Pine Ridge Drive, 2 Salminen Drive, 400 Marshall Street, 14 Baldwin Street and 5 Atwood Street. Plan review for addition on 60 Burncoat Lane (increase flow). Also, plan review for repair at 103 Marshall Street. In addition, she did plan reviews for 7 King Street, 2 Lynde Brook and 6 Oak Bluff Lane.

Food Inspections Completed

An inspection was conducted at Bill's Pizza. Pre-op for COVID-19 was conducted at The Castle, Cheoy Lees, Eller's, Hillcrest, Leicester Drive In, Knights of Columbus, Limitless Nutrition. A site visit was conducted at Buddy's Spa and provided COVID information. A site visit was conducted at Hot Dog Annie's stemming from a complaint. She went to Tatnuck Driving Range to inquire about permit, what has been obtained.

C. Montiverdi inquired about the 60 Burncoat Street, increase flow, whole new review (changing SAS)? Julie explained tight lot. They have a well and septic (not enough land). Julie had lengthy conversations with homeowner.

C. Montiverdi inquired about camps and their openings. J. VanArsdalen stated she received and reviews the packet for Camp Wind in the Pines, and they have already started their beach testing and public water supply. We are awaiting results.

C. Montiverdi inquired about pools and capacity limits (COVID). J. VanArsdalen stated 40% and needs to be tested 6x daily. In addition must practice social distancing and needing an attendant there disinfecting. They also have sign in sheets to (name, email address and telephone numbers) for contact tracing.

R. Spaulding inquired about the 2 complaints that were received. Both were relating to face coverings and both had site visits by J. VanArsdalen.

C. Montiverdi stated he saw in receipt of the update document and the Public Health Alliance and inquired if there was anything further. Please see below:

- **CDC Foundation Grant** - We are pleased to share that the WDPH has been awarded \$295,000 to support COVID -19 response efforts in the Alliance. Funding will go towards a full-time nurse, community contact tracing coordinator, nursing administration support and an environmental health inspector. These will all be

temporary positions on board through the beginning of 2021 and hired by the CDC Foundation. Once staff are onboard, we will reach out to make introductions

- **Tobacco Regulations Effective June 1st:** Beginning June 1, 2020, the following sections of the state law went into effect. These include:
 - Prohibiting the sale of all flavored tobacco and vape products, including menthol and mint, except at Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR)-approved Smoking Bars for on-premises use ONLY;
 - Imposing an excise tax on the sale of vaping products;
 - Requiring that vape product retailers obtain a state license and any required local permit; and
 - Requiring that vape product distributors obtain a state license
- **Public Health Emergency Funds** - The MDPH has extended the spending deadline for local COVID - 19 emergency funding until August 31st. If your town has not yet sent your extension spending proposal to Karyn, please send it ASAP. This was due to MDPH last Friday. All proposals submitted thus far were forwarded to MDPH by the deadline.
- **EEE / WNV** weekly arbovirus reports have started. The 2020 Arbovirus Response Plan is up and available. There is a new website for educational material and other guidance.
www.mass.gov/mosquitoandticks . The educational push is for personal responsibility when going outdoors. Check yourself, wear proper clothing, use repellent, dawn to dusk etc.
- Cases of COVID19 continue to be diagnosed within the alliance. In order to prevent the spread of this disease, we request that cases follow isolation guidelines and contacts follow quarantine guidelines.
As part of the case investigation, the case/contacts will be called by a public health nurse or a member of the MDPH Community Tracing Collaborative. To prevent the spread of this illness, it is important to obtain information about the case and those with whom the case may have had contact in the 48 hours before symptom onset.
- The Massachusetts Department of Public Health will be providing WDPH with the final influenza allocation for those towns that administer state-supplied influenza vaccine. Pat Bruchmann will follow-up with the towns to ensure that the allocation is adequate and request additional doses as needed. This is the only time an increase in influenza vaccine doses may be requested.
- All Alliance towns have updated Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) plans. As per the recent meeting, the EP team recommends that each town begin planning now for the anticipated dispensing of the COVID-19 vaccine.

C. Montiverdi inquired about if reports of when vaccine may be ready. J. VanArsdalen stated has heard 2 scenarios 1 as early as the fall, second early part of 2021, possibly a 2 part.

D. Moffat inquired about inspection of vape products in town. There was discussion/clarification of the WRTCC and the Alliance with regards to compliance checks.

Also, discussion about updated current tobacco regulations. H. Brooks inquired if we lose the Alliance in September does that include tobacco piece? C. Montiverdi will research and follow-up. D. Moffat stated that within the schools they have the 84 program, state program outside of the Alliance, they acquire most of their information regarding regulations.

Mask order was placed on agenda per C. Montiverdi as a result of inquiry from the Board of trustees at the Library as well as addressing all municipal buildings requiring everyone entering where a mask. There was also discussion about the use of hand sanitizer. The board decided that a mask order would be drafted by chairperson. They also decided that hand sanitizer would need to be made available at all entrances.

Motion: D. Moffat made a motion that require face coverings upon entry into all municipal buildings, except for individuals under the age of 2.

Second: R. Spaulding

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: All in favor (3-0-0)

C. Montiverdi discussed the COVID funding made available to local Boards of Health. Leicester submitted request to city to cover some costs associated with COVID, a little over \$20,400.00, a bulk of it was for additional staffing (nurses) for contact tracing.

There was an extension by the state to spend these funds. Work is still being made for a final tally. C. Montiverdi will try to get concrete figures to present to the board for next meeting.

D. Moffat inquired about for the Board of Health, i.e. meetings – how often, etc.

Next meeting schedule for July 13, 2020.

Motion: R. Spaulding made a motion to adjourn

Second: D. Moffat

Vote: Unanimous

Roll call vote: All in favor (3-0-0)

Meeting adjourned: 6:18 PM

Documents submitted to the Board at the meeting:

- * Agenda

- * Inspections FY2020 (6/29/20)