

LEICESTER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2021

6:00 PM

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Board of Health Members in Attendance:

Chris Montiverdi, Richard Spaulding, Diane Moffat

Office of Public Health Attendees:

Francis Dagle, Board of Health Agent

Kelly Conroy, BOH Administrative Assistant

Speakers:

Michelle Buck, Director of Inspectional Services/Town Planner

Documents:

Agenda

Meeting Packet Document, February 22, 2021

Chris Montiverdi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

C. Montiverdi did a roll call. All BOH members were present.

Motion: R. Spaulding moved to accept minutes dated January 25, 2021 as presented.

Second: D. Moffat

Discussion: None

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

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT

COVID-19 Updates:

Numbers are trending down. The chair spoke about the state/governor's office decision to start cutting back vaccination allotment for the local level and re-appropriate to the super sites. We are still working with Harrington, doing up to 500 shots daily. We will be partnering with the Leicester Housing Authority to vaccinate 65+, about 150 people. They have a separate allotment that is guaranteed. The chair states having local clinic has been an ongoing planning process. The state was concerned that local BoH did not have the requirements for storage and vaccines would be distributed to super sites and pharmacies, asking that local community's partner to run regional vaccination sites. The chair assured the public that we are continuing to work at obtaining vaccines on a local level to be able to hold local clinics. The town has purchased the refrigeration units necessary. We are working with EMS and local volunteers to have necessary staff for clinics then vaccine is obtained. The Health Agent continues to work with the state to obtain vaccines.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

Tobacco Program:

Tobacco renewals were due end of February. There are a few outstanding. The Health Agent will follow up with spot checks, confirming if in compliance and giving warnings where warranted. The chair inquired about the status of Tobacco Control Collation. The Health Agent reported that it ended about 1 ½ years ago. He did reach out to the state who stated that just hired someone for Tobacco Control at that level, who will work with the region. It is unsure how they will move forward, if the state will be re-organizing. That will be discussed in the next couple months.

The chair inquired about annual report and if CMRPHA submitted, they had not.

NEW BUSINESS:

The chair explained that we will need to put a plan in place for Title 5, getting an engineer involved.

R. Spaulding motioned that the meeting be adjourned.

Second: D. Moffat

Discussion: None

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

It was noted that the next meeting will take place on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6PM