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COHASSET BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MINUTES

DATE: TUESDAY May 31,2022
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Online Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present:

Michael Pollastri, PhD, Chairman
Elizabeth Kirkpatrick
Robin Lawrence, DDS, MPH, Clerk, Absent
Recording Secretary: Amy Davis

Public Health Director:

Pam Fahey, MPH, SE
Public Health Nurse:
Mary Goodwin, RN

6:30 P.M. Meeting called to order.

6:31 P.M. Public Hearing: Britta & Thomas Sullivan, 73 Atlantic Avenue-Keeping of Animals/Stable Permit Request.

Items for

In attendance for this Public Hearing: Britta & Thomas Sullivan, property owners

Materials used for this agenda item:

Notice of Intent
Order of Conditions
Nitrogen Study
Engineered Plan stamped by Morse Engineering

New Board member Elizabeth Kirkpatrick read the following Public Hearing notice:

Cohasset Board of Health

Public Hearing Notice:

Public Hearing to Review an Application for a Permit to Keep Animals and for a Stable Permit in Accordance with Town of Cohasset Board of Health Rules and Regulations Governing Horses, Stables, Cloven-Hoofed Livestock, Fowl and Poultry, Revised October 2014

The Cohasset Board of Public Health will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 6:30 PM virtually via a Zoom webinar, to review an application for a Permit to Keep Animals and for a Stable Permit. The application has been submitted by Britta and Tom Sullivan, 73 Atlantic Avenue, Cohasset, Massachusetts. The request for a Stable Permit will require a variance to setbacks. The proposed plan for a stable is available to view on the Board of Health page on the Town's website at <http://www.cohassetma.org/290/Board-of-Health>. The public is welcome to attend the Zoom hearing using login information below or submit their input in writing by emailing pfahey@cohassetma.org prior to the hearing.

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Thomas Sullivan, property owner, reviewed a stable site plan for two horses with the Board. The Sullivans are seeking a property line variance and separation to wetlands variance. All abutters have been notified and the Board has received a letter of support for the project. Dr. Pollastri confirmed a letter of support was received from Ross Fairbanks, 68 Whitehead Road. The 68 Whitehead property abuts the location

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where a variance is requested to reduce the property setback from 30' to approximately 20'. Last year the Sullivan's submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Conservation Commission (ConCom) to obtain an Order of Conditions (permit) to have two horses on the property. Previously, the fenced in area shown on the plan was a tennis court with asphalt that was converted into a horse paddock. Last year ConCom agreed with Mr. Sullivan that it would be better to remove the asphalt and have a sandy ground. Before issuing an Order of Conditions (permit), ConCom asked the Sullivans to hire a consultant to conduct a nitrogen study to demonstrate that horse urine and feces would not impact surrounding wetlands. The Sullivans complied and received an Order of Conditions from ConCom. The nitrogen study was also submitted to the Board for review. The existing structure shown on the plan was demolished and reconstructed within the existing footprint with a barn. The horses will only be on the property for five months out of the year. There were no comments from the public.

MOTIONED BY: Dr. Pollastri moved to approve the variance request for keeping of the animals/stable permit to allow a reduction from the required 100 feet setback to wetlands. This is conditional and all the special conditions ordered by the Cohasset Conservation on 4/13/2022 must be strictly followed.

SECONDED BY: Ms. Kirkpatrick

VOTE: 2-0 MOTION CARRIED

MOTIONED BY: Dr. Pollastri moved to approve the variance request to allow a property line setback reduction from 30 feet to 20 feet for the horse paddock to 68 Whitehead Road property line.

SECONDED BY: Ms. Kirkpatrick

VOTE: 2-0 MOTION CARRIED

6:42 P.M. **Approve Meeting Minutes from March 1, 2022:**

Minutes could not be approved at this time.

6:43 P.M. **Set Next Zoom Meeting Date Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.**

6:44 P.M. **Public Health Director Report**

Ms. Fahey informed the Board there will be two interns from DPW visiting properties throughout town that have wells. The interns are collecting data on a handheld monitor that will show the location (longitude and latitude) of the well. That information will then be downloaded to the Towns GIS mapping system. This information will be helpful to well owners and to the Board of Public Health. A mailing of over 200 residents was conducted referring them to the Town website to complete an online survey called Survey Monkey. Ms. Fahey also mentioned the PHE Grant is not doing great. Hull dropped out and we need 3 Towns to participate. Ms. Fahey reached out to Norwell, and they don't seem to be interested.

Dr. Pollastri asked why the Towns weren't interested? Why would Towns turn away grant money?

Ms. Fahey indicated the other Towns think it is too much work.

Ms. Fahey has been sending the Board the following weekly reports:

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Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending March 4, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – New changes for vaccine schedule for greater immune response: 8 weeks between mRNA vaccines (ages 12-64 years). Also minimizes the risk for myocarditis. Masks no longer required on school buses, but restrictions remain for other forms of public transportation. Omicron BA.2 variant makes up only 10% of cases in New England; no surges in US. Infectiousness and severity remain mixed and inconclusive. Zoom meetings in Massachusetts have been extended until July 15th for public meetings.
- The Board of Public Health (BoPH) met on Tuesday night and voted to rescind the mask order that had been in place for municipal building since last August. I prepared a press release that was posted on Wednesday.
- Confirmed cases of COVID-19 dropped from 271 in January to 31 in February in Cohasset.
- Health Department will host a vaccine clinic on Saturday March 13th from 11 to 1:00 pm at Willcutt Commons. Hoping to use up the final 100 doses and reach people that may need boosters.

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- Attended Part 2 of annual MHOA conference with updates from MassDEP. Topics covered the new law for local BOH responsibility for reporting to the public sewage overflows into waterways; Title 5 barriers and retaining walls; and a review of the new GIS Mass Mapper that replaces the previous Oliver GIS program.
- Amy and I prepared DSCPs and approval letters for the three septic systems approved at the BoPH meeting for 317 North Main Street, 808 CJC Highway, and 56 Ledgewood Drive.
- Met with Mike Hugo from MAHB, MAPC, and Hingham and Hull. Our group is painfully slow. Hingham and Hull town managers and board of health are still looking over the job description for a regional epidemiologist.
- 2022 Permits – sent an email to Permit Eyes with a list of edits that we need for several permit applications. Things like adding additional names for sign off, correcting fee amount, adding additional instructions, etc. Also asked for a meeting to walk through Disposal System Construction Permit which is the most complex. Need to understand how to incorporate sign offs for installers and engineer designers. SENT REQUEST TO PERMIT EYES FOR AN UPDATE
- Cook Estate – Met town manager, treasurer, and town council to discuss how to assist Cook Estate with financing the project. Ordinarily betterments are only a tool if a project is a town financed project. Town council, however, agreed to prepare a memorandum that outlines steps to allow Cook residents to pay for the project over time using a betterment model.
- Attended perc test at the Cohasset Golf Course. A new bathroom will be designed and constructed at the 4th hold.
- Met with Meaghan Fales from former Anchor and Sail who will be moving to 7 South Main Street. Informed her that she will need an under-sink grease trap if she serves coffee and pastries in her new shop after consultation with Brian Joyce.
- Attended sewer commission meeting regarding Cook Estate. Discussed who needs to negotiate an easement through property located between Cook Estates and Deer Hill pump station. To be determined by town council.

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- Called Stop & Shop after receiving a complaint that the handicap bathroom has been out of order for two weeks. They have been trying to get the bathroom fixed for two weeks as snaking has not worked. Since they likely need to pull back the floor, John Hallin is now working with their facilities manager.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending March 11, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – Dr. Katie Brown, state epidemiologist commented on the new CDC community metrics that now consider hospitalizations and hospital capacity. “The community burden metrics are an improvement over the previous community transmission metrics. They are more appropriate for a virus that is clearly not eradicable and make more sense in the setting of vaccines and therapeutics. I don’t know if it will make sense to calculate these at the municipal level and the hospital metrics still require individual reporting from every hospital which is quite burdensome and may not be sustainable. Definitely worth discussing as we move forward.”
- Health Department will host a vaccine clinic on Saturday March 12th from 11 to 1:00 pm at Willcutt Commons. Hoping to use up the final 100 doses and reach people that may need boosters.

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- Visited Salty Days, the new restaurant/fish market that will be going into the old Anchor & Sail space. Conducted a preliminary informal inspection discussing where various pieces of food equipment will be located. Sent them an email with information regarding how to apply online for a food establishment permit. They hope to open in May.
- Reviewed building plans for the new Cracker Barrel that will be locating a new store/deli at 85 South Main Street. Review focused on the proposed food preparation areas of the building.
- Sent an email to Brendan Sullivan (Cavanaro Engineering) confirming that it is acceptable to locate a septic system on an adjoining property for new construction in Cohasset. The email included the various legal steps. Confirmed with John Hallin before sending.
- Attended a MEHA conference in person that focused on Title 5. Topics included nitrogen loading issues, specifically protecting public water supplies; innovative alternative systems, conducting Title 5 inspections (including cesspools); and drip irrigation systems.
- 2022 Permits – received an update from Permit Eyes regarding the changes/updates we have requested. They have finished most of the requests with the exception of the keeping of animals permit application.
- Stop & Shop has been calling me and John Hallin to give us updates for repairing the handicap bathrooms. Work should be completed by next week.
- 790 CJC septic system repair – spoke with Paul Davis for an update. Rosano Davis has completed the camera survey work to map the piping beneath the building and determine where the sewage blockages are occurring. There are two issues: piping beneath the Kennedy Brothers Physical Therapy are sagging and need to be replaced; and some piping throughout the system has severely been narrowed due to scaling and the jagged scales are catching solids and inhibiting flow. Paul will be creating a work plan for the building owner and will copy me and John Hallin.

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- 334 North Main Street – accompanied John Hallin to a residential visit where the tenants set up an illegal bedroom in the basement. Instructed

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending March 18, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – Dr. Katie Brown, state epidemiologist discussed the new definition of “covid death”. This is the 3rd time the definition has changed since the pandemic began. Criteria: covid caused or contributed to death; covid listed on death certificate; or death occurred within 30 days of diagnosis. Numbers in state changed slightly with proportions remaining the same (e.g, primarily older people, male vs. female remains equal, etc.)
- Health Department held a vaccine clinic on Saturday March 12th from 11 to 1:00 pm at Willcutt Commons. An additional eight people received vaccinations.

NON-COVID-19

- Cook Estate – attended sewer commission meeting. Town Council will meet with Cook attorney to come up with an agreement that allows them to pay for connection fees over time. Each residence will need the agreement recorded in their deed. The town will also be involved in negotiations with abutting neighbor to acquire and easement. Cook Estate will pay for the neighbor to connect. Cook Estate will also convey ownership of the sewer pipe over to the town after construction is complete. Town takes over all future O&M. Cook will finance the construction.
- Cooke Estate – I attended the Select Board meeting to present the Town Meeting warrant article requesting that Cook Estate be allowed to connect to sewer since the ongoing release from the failed system constitutes a public health emergency. The Select Board agreed and voted to add Cook Estate to the warrant.
- 602 Jerusalem Road – responded to town council request and performed a file review for the property.
- Permit Eyes – met with Ron Menard and discussed future software needs, including proposed changes to Permit Eyes. He will set up a program where we can download certifications and plans that currently get wiped out of Permit Eyes on 12/31 each year.
- Amy and I met with Jason to resolve issues with our online GIS system. Most changes were related to updating addresses. Jason will continue to work for the town as a consultant to support GIS.
- Stop & Shop called to confirm the repair for the handicap bathroom is complete
- 413 North Main Street septic repair – inspected installation of bottom of whole, system install and final grade. In the future, Brian Joyce will take over septic installation inspections and I will be his backup.
- Visited new location of Anchor & Sail on South Main at the request of the owner. Reviewed small kitchen setup for coffee/tea. She does not want a below sink grease trap, however, she needs permission from Brian Joyce since the location is on sewer.
- Attended a state-wide PHE grant meeting. Attended a breakout room focused on epidemiologists that was very helpful. Two new epi hires working for the Norfolk County 8 regional group discussed their short-term and long-term roles, software that they currently use, education and background, best places to post for jobs, etc.

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- Attended local PHE grant meeting with Susan from Hingham, Brian from MAPC and Mike Hugo from MAHB. Circulated latest (hopefully final version) of epi job description. Should satisfy Hingham town manager that was worried about the position being a decision maker rather than supporting role. Hope to post job next week.
- Investigated nuisance complaint regarding junk at 151 South Main Street.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending March 25, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – Dr. Katie Brown, state epidemiologist discussed the new definition of “covid death”. This is the 3rd time the definition has changed since the pandemic began. Criteria: covid caused or contributed to death; covid listed on death certificate; or death occurred within 30 days of diagnosis. Numbers in state changed slightly with proportions remaining the same (e.g, primarily older people, male vs. female remains equal, etc.)

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- Cooke Estate – I attended the Advisory Committee meeting to present the Town Meeting warrant article requesting that Cook Estate be allowed to connect to sewer since the ongoing release from the failed system constitutes a public health emergency. The Advisory Committee agreed and voted to add Cook Estate to the warrant.
- Attended an annual South Shore food truck inspection event held in Hanover that allows inspectors from local towns to inspect food trucks that are interested in receiving food permits from specific towns. I inspected and subsequently permitted six food trucks that can now attend unlimited events in Cohasset in 2022: Ellie’s Treats, Thyme Traveling, Smiles-by-the-Mile, Wanderlust, Mom-on-the-Go and South Shore Taco Guy.
- Worked on updating our list of private wells (approximately 220 drinking water and/or irrigation wells) by cross-referencing MassDEP database. I would like to use DPW summer interns to GPS well locations and reached out to town council to find out how to communicate to well owners to allow interns on private property. Information obtained from the well survey would be used to update our GIS system.
- Inspected the Blue Oar (located at former Dooley’s location) for their restaurant opening this week.
- Permit Eyes – Amy and I met Full Circle Technology to understand how to use the DSCP feature that links in designers and installers. We will try to move to Permit Eyes and away from paper for DCSP permits and subsequent COCs.
- Attended Event Committee meeting where three events were approved: MS Walk, Red Carpet Prom, and CYSBA parade.
- Someone applied for a catering permit to sell charcuterie boards. I reached out to Mass DPH Bureau of Food Protection for guidance.
- Attended local PHE grant meeting with Mary, Susan from Hingham, Joan from Hull, Brian from MAPC and Mike Hugo from MAHB. We heard a presentation from a newly hired epi that works for the North Suffolk group. We also received four resumes from candidates that applied for our epi position. I also reached out to Lisa Berger from Berger Food Associates to see if we can get ServSafe training for local food establishment workers in Coho, Hingham, and Hull.

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Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending April 1, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – After two years of twice weekly and then weekly meetings, DPH calls will now be once every two weeks. Discussed approval of a second booster vaccine for ages 50+, wastewater surveillance, antivirals, and vaccine dosage.
- We have created a link on the town website for a booster clinic to be held on Saturday May 14th at Willcutt from 11-1:00 pm. This was prompted by the CDC recommendation for a second booster, however, anyone eligible can receive a Moderna vaccine at the clinic – either first, second, booster, second booster, etc.

NON-COVID-19

- Cooke Estate – I attended the Sewer Commission meeting. I wrote an email to Greg Corbo asking him if he would reach out to Jane Reardon to connect with their lawyer so that they can work on the easement agreement with the abutting neighbor. The town needs an agreement specifying that the town will take ownership of the main sewer pipeline once the project is completed. Abutters will allow access even before agreement is reached.
- Prepared and submitted a Workplan for the PHE grant with assistance from MAPC, our grant manager. Since we will not be able to spend down a large chunk of money, we requested using some money to have ServSafe training for restaurant employees in the three towns. We were rejected and told money was only for town staff (although we were originally told otherwise from Mike Hugo, MAHB). We are no longer inviting Mike to our meetings...
- We have received many resumes from qualified candidates for the PHE grant regional epidemiologist position. We will close out the resume period next week.
- Picked up a new pool testing kit from South Shore Pool Supply (new chemicals are required each year). I also signed up for a two-day refresher Certified Pool Operator class at SSPS in mid-April.
- Brian Joyce and I inspected two septic installations this week in Jason's absence. Looking into hiring Phil Spath to take over coverage.
- Sent letter to homeowner at 30 Cedar Lane urging them to pump their I/A system. Inspection reports indicate the system may fail after many warnings if they don't take care of their system.
- A woman applied to establish a charcuterie business out of Made in MA. I reached out to Robin Magner, a food inspector for Hingham. She gave me the parameters that would need to be met to meet safety requirements. I will meet with the new business owner next week at Made in MA.
- 167 Sohier Street – a realtor came in concerned with a passing Title 5 septic for an old system that may or may not be a cesspool. We have no design plans in our file. I reached out to Paul Davis. I requested that they dig a test hole near the "leaching pit" to verify that they system is not encountering groundwater.
- Attended local PHE grant meeting with Mary, Susan from Hingham, Joan from Hull, Brian from MAPC. We discussed using some money for ServSafe training that was later rejected by DPH. We discussed the schedule for hiring an epi.
- Permit Eyes – sent out letters to septic designers with instructions to now start using Permit Eyes for septic design plan submissions for Disposal System Construction Permits (DSCP).

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- Sent an email to Dr. Monina Klevens, Director of Research and Evaluation at Bureau of Infectious Disease and Lab Sciences at DPH, after the weekly DPH call. She spoke about wastewater surveillance for COVID viruses and asked people to reach out if they would be interested in wastewater testing at the state lab. Even though we only have 50% sewer in town I am interested to find out if it is free and if she thinks that it would be advantageous as tool for future monitoring.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending April 8, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – No call this week.
- We have created a link on the town website for a booster clinic to be held on Saturday May 14th at Willcutt from 11-1:00 pm. We are generating interest in this clinic and have 27 people signed up.
- Attended via Zoom 2022 Public Health Forum sponsored by MHOA/MAHB/DPH to discuss pandemic impacts, lessons learned, etc.

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- Cooke Estate – Sewer Commission has scheduled a formal public hearing to vote on expanding the sewer district to allow Cook Estate to connect on Wednesday evening April 27th. They have also requested an update from Greg Corbo regarding developing an easement agreement at the next regularly scheduled meeting next Tuesday morning April 12th. Next week a new communications employee will start, and I will ask him to help me prepare a video for Town Meeting to present the Cook Estate article.
- Officially added Phil Spath to Permit Eyes and brought him on board as a septic system installation inspector. Inspection results will be recorded in Permit Eyes.
- Attended a perc test at 15 Mill Lane.
- 167 Sohier Street – met Paul Davis and Morse Engineering at site and confirmed that the system is not a cesspool, but rather a tank + leaching pit. Paul excavated a test pit and confirmed depth of groundwater and system passes. Paul reissued a revised Title 5 and all parties (realtors, etc.) were satisfied.
- Attended local PHE grant meeting with Mary, Susan from Hingham, Joan from Hull, Brian from MAPC. We discussed a preliminary list of interview questions for candidates. I will finalize the list of questions.
- Met with Michelle Leary to discuss purchasing a desk and office equipment for new epi hire.
- Permit Eyes – sent email to Full Circle to add fees to applications for Disposal System Construction Permits (DSCP) and Keeping of Animal permits. Also, additional edits for Temporary Food permits.
- Had a meeting with Ron Menard and IT to potentially introduce a software system call Connector that will let us download documents from Permit Eyes to Laser Fiche. For example, all the food certification information disappears at 12/31 each year. This will us to permanently retain records in a database.
- Reviewed monitoring well information submitted from a consultant representing the Preserve. Apparently, the Board of Health once ordered Avalon (now Preserve) to sample monitoring

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wells (in addition to ones required by MassDEP as part of their Groundwater Discharge Permit) to make sure that the septic system is operating properly. The wells have not been monitored on a yearly basis as required. He has some downgradient information from downgradient town wells that show groundwater concentrations less than discharge criteria. The consultant would like to request the additional monitoring cease; however, he has been reluctant to schedule a meeting before the Board of Public Health for approval.

- Reviewed six Planning Board submittals, primarily large home reviews. Only comment was for 336 Forest Avenue that will need design plans for a four-bedroom septic system.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending April 14, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – presented vaccine updates. There are no metrics for returning to mask wearing. There are no metrics or thresholds that work consistently well across different situations.

NON-COVID-19

- Cooke Estate – Sewer Commission voted to allow expansion of the sewer district to include Cook, although they still have a formal public hearing scheduled on Wednesday evening April 27th. Jane Reardon confirmed that she has connected the Cook attorney with Greg Corbo, town council, to develop an easement agreement.
- I am on the agenda for the next Water Commission meeting to try to get their buy-in for the Cook connection.
- Attending an in-person, full day, Certified Pool Operator (CPO) course at South Shore Pool Supply on Friday and Saturday. I originally received my CPO in 2018 and it is time to renew.
- I was accepted into the NEIWPC training for septic installer inspections.
- Attended an events committee meeting. The committee approved Memorial Day parade and events; and a Three-Beach run. Working with South Shore Arts Festival to get all of their food vendors permitted and their waste hauler who will be providing port-a-potties.
- Provided opening food inspections for JJs Dairy Hut and the CYBSA snack shack. JJs will be opening April 19th. Next week Brian Flynn and I will officially begin spring food establishment inspections.
- Informed IT that we will need a new computer and monitor for new epi hire.
- Had another meeting with IT regarding using Connector software program that will let us download documents from Permit Eyes to Laser Fiche.
- 43 Forest Avenue – a poorly written deed restriction in 2014 stated that the resident had to connect to sewer when they sold their house. Prepared and signed a letter for the closing attorney stating that connection is not feasible. I had Brian Joyce sign it as well.
- Had a PHE grant meeting with our DPH rep (Bethany Griles), Brian (MAPC) and Don Piatt. Asked questions concerning how we submit invoicing for PHE grant and COVID grant. First quarterly report is due April 30th. It will be prepared by me with support from Brian. Will develop a scope of work for an Infectious Disease Surveillance position(s). We hope to keep 1 or 2 of our current contact tracers after June 30th to continue to cover MAVEN, particularly on weekends and holidays.
- Had a local PHE grant meeting with Susan Sarni (Hingham), Joanie Taverna (Hull) and Brian (MAPC). We picked four candidates to interview for epi position. I dropped the resumes with

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Kim Roy our HR Director to set up interview. I gave the group draft interview questions and we finalized them. Brian will make some changes on the draft MOU based on Hull Town Manager comments.

- Conducted final inspection for septic installation at 172 South Main Street.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending April 22, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – no DPH call this week.
- Sunrise had new cases among staff and one resident. Mary Whitley (covering for Mary G.) was in contact with the Director and monitored the situation. Sunrise is currently testing on a daily basis.
- I emailed the Scituate Health Director to let him know that I need to terminate Charlotte Carneiro at the end of next week. Charlotte has been contact tracing for Scituate under the PHE COVID grant. Scituate is no longer a participant, so work needs to end. Recommended that he consider retaining her services, but he responded that they cannot do it. The COVID grant for the other three people expires on June 30th.

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- Cooke Estate – I met with our new Communications Director Justin Shrair to create a video presentation for town meeting to promote Article 18. We will meet next Tuesday at Cook to film it. I am on the agenda for the next Water Commission meeting Tuesday morning and the Sewer Commission Public Hearing on Wednesday night.
- Attended an in-person, full day, Certified Pool Operator (CPO) course at South Shore Pool Supply on Friday and Saturday. I passed the exam and officially renewed my CPO in time for pool inspecting season.
- Brian Flynn is back from Florida. We met on Tuesday and completed food inspections at the following locations: Charcuterie Boards & More working out of Made in MA; French Memories; Seabird; Peel Pizza; and Atlantic Bagel. Three out of the 5 will require follow-up inspections. Also dropped into Anchor & Sail. Meghan is in the process of moving into 7 South Main Street and gave her plumbing tips before she opens. Set up a pre-inspection with Salty Days next week.
- Had another meeting with IT regarding using Connector software program that will let us download documents from Permit Eyes to Laser Fiche. Looks like it finally works, and we can start permanently storing documents uploaded to Permit Eyes.
- Corresponded with a resident on Atlantic Avenue who is seeking a permit for keeping horses. After speaking with John Hallin, however, they are not ready yet since they need a building permit first to rehab an onsite building into a barn. Until they submit building plans for the barn, and it is verified that the building can structurally support horses, it is premature to apply for an animal permit.
- Attended a monthly state-wide PHE grant meeting with DPH. DPH will be sending out representatives to conduct capacity assessments at the end of summer to each regional town to determine gaps in services that can be filled with grant funds.
- Cohasset HR Director Kim Roy, Betty Nee (Hingham), Joan Taverna (Hull) and I interviewed our two best candidates for the epi position. Both were very good, but one in particular was

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excellent. We decided that we found our person and scheduled a second interview with her and our town manager and me next week.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending April 28, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – make sure health departments appoint contacts for annual arbovirus surveillance in case we get any reported cases of EEE or West Nile. Mary filled out the form on behalf of Cohasset.
- I emailed the contact tracers to let them know that the PHE grant will keep them on until June 30th.except for Charlotte Carneiro. We may try to keep one or two on longer term to help cover MAVEN on weekends and holidays. Mary G, Mary W and I met with Charlotte to thank her for her service supporting Scituate. Scituate dropped out of the regional grant, so Charlotte's last day is Friday.
- Signed up seven seniors that requested appointments for the May booster clinic.

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- Cooke Estate – I worked with our new Communications Director Justin Shrair to create a video presentation for town meeting to promote Article 18. We met on Tuesday at Cook to film a portion of the video. I also attended a Water Commission on Tuesday morning and the Sewer Commission Public Hearing on Wednesday night and gave a presentation promoting Article 18.
- Wednesday attended in-person annual MEHA conference. Trainings for beaches, pool, camps, and housing were presented by DPH personnel.
- Brian Flynn and I conducted food inspections at the following locations: Olympus Grille, Daily Press, Barrel and Vine; we conducted a pre-inspection at Salty Days. Brian also inspected 5 South Main. Peel Pizza let me know as a follow up from last week that they are getting their roof repaired this week and will fix the ceiling next week. I followed up with Seabird from last week and they are compliant; French Memories still has more work to do.
- Our office received wastewater pumping reports for unusually high volumes of liquid from the Gulf service station property and the Preserve. I followed up and learned that the liquid from the Gulf Station was shallow groundwater – extensive de-watering was required during tank removal and to keep the new tanks from floating. The Preserve was in fact septage; they are doing an extensive upgrade to their treatment plant.
- Reviewed septic plan for a small standalone bathroom near the 4th hole at the Cohasset Golf Club. I submitted comments/questions to Morse Engineering.
- We found out that our first choice for the new epi position accepted a position with another regional group. We moved onto our second choice, and she is looking forward to meeting with our town manager and me next week.
- Submitted a third quarter 2022 report to DPH for the PHE grant.

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Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending May 6, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – No call this week.
- Continued to sign up seniors for the May 14th booster clinic. The clinic is getting close to capacity.

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- Cook Estate – Thankfully the Cook Estate warrant article passed at town meeting which officially allows them to connect to sewer. The project will be discussed at the next Sewer Commission meeting on Tuesday morning now that they can push the project forward as quickly as possible.
- Contacted Michele Hubley to see if the Farmer's Market will be happening this year. Michele confirmed that it will so we sent her instructions for online food permitting for her vendors so that we can get moving with the permitting process.
- Brian Flynn and I conducted food inspections at the following locations: Starbucks, CVS, Victoria's, Gulf and Dunkin Donuts. Found expired food on shelves at pharmacies, Victoria's had several violations and will need follow up.
- Met with Laura Nash, our new epi candidate along with town manager and HR director. Kim will submit an offer to her once she fills out a town job application.
- Attended a Permit Eyes meeting. We presented several changes needed to the DSCP and associated COC. The changes should be implemented next week so that we can officially move from paper and use online forms only.
- Reviewed and approved several temporary food permits on Permit Eyes.
- Corresponded with a resident on Atlantic Avenue that has applied for an animal permit for two horses. Although she has filled out an application, she still needs to forward a stamped plan and a management plan. We need to schedule a meeting so that she can notify abutters before coming before the board for a permit.
- Responded to a complaint about excess trash behind 5 South Main/Peel restaurants.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending May 13, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – CDC lowered the blood lead level in children from 5 to 3.5 ug/dl. DPH will do lead testing in homes if needed. There is a new telehealth option for accessing Paxlovid anti-viral medication. If you have recently had COVID it is best to wait three months before getting a booster for the best immune response.
- Booster clinic will be held on Saturday May 14th from 11 to 1:00. The clinic filled to capacity.

NON-COVID-19

- Cook Estate – Attended a sewer commission meeting for updates. Shawn Hardy, the engineer from Cook needs to provide a construction schedule and to obtain a street opening (trench) permit from DPW. He still needs to hire a contractor for the pipe installation and connection. He needs to provide an engineered plan to Dan Coughlin and Brian Joyce for review. In case

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there is a delay in the schedule it was recommended that work begin on the Deer Hill School property and work back to Cook in case it goes longer than the summer school break.

- Took an online pool inspection course prepared by NEHA. Completed the opening pool inspection for The Preserve (former Avalon).
- Brian Flynn and I conducted the opening food inspection for Salty Days and issued their annual permit. Conducted additional food inspections at the following locations: 3A Pizza, Cohasset Sports Complex, Shaw's supermarket, and AFC sushi (located in Shaw's). Separately Brian also inspected Cohasset House of Pizza. I followed up with re-inspections at Daily Press and Peel Pizza.
- We submitted an offer to Laura Nash, epi candidate. She is considering other offers and will get back to us on Monday May 23.
- 270 Forest Avenue – spoke with builder Nino DiNunno to make sure that the new home replacing existing home would not increase or alter the septic system since they are located in the area where sewer is available. Any upgrade would have triggered the need to connect. Confirmed home will remain a 3-bedroom.
- 73 Atlantic Avenue – worked with homeowner to set up a public hearing for their request for a Keeping of Animals and a Stable permit for two horses.
- Met with Mary G, Mary W. and Marcia Lewis to discuss ongoing contact with residents and day care centers dealing with covid. Also, it was decided that Mary G would reach out to DPH and disable all Scituate MAVEN access now that they are officially out of the grant.
- Attended local PHE grant meeting. We need to get town managers final approval and have them sign the MOU. We developed a list of tasks for the new epi hire for the first couple of weeks.
- Attended Part 1 of 2 NIEWPCC Massachusetts Title 5 System Inspector training course. Part 2 next week followed by and in-person exam.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending May 20, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – No call this week.
- Held booster clinic on Saturday May 14th from 11 to 1:00. The clinic was filled to capacity with a few overflow people signing up during the clinic replacing no-shows. Based on huge response, we scheduled a second booster clinic on Tuesday June 7th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

NON-COVID-19

- Brian Flynn and I conducted food inspections at the following locations: Dunkin Donuts, Nguyen's Kitchen and the Cohasset Golf Course. Separately Brian also inspected The Corner Stop Eatery.
- 73 Atlantic Avenue – Corresponded with homeowners to organize upcoming public hearing. They need to reach out to their engineer to update their site plan before the meeting. I did receive a copy of a letter of support from an abutting neighbor that I will forward to the board prior to the hearing.
- Held meeting for a proposed development Scituate Hill that will require a tie-in to existing leaching fields. Meeting attended by Brian Joyce, Jeff Hassett (Morse Engineering) and Paul Davis. The area is very confusing because leaching fields were installed before buildings and

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there are numerous easements and cross connections throughout the area. Morse Engineering will be tasked with showing all the various connections across their property before a plan can be approved.

- Attended perc at 250 Forest Avenue.
- Approved food permits through Permit Eyes for Farmer's Market and South Shore Art's Festival.
- Accompanied Mary at a camp inspection at Holly Hill Farm. I confirmed that they do not use the farmhouse kitchen for camp use. For years we inspected the kitchen, but we will now remove it from our list of permitted kitchens.
- Attended state-wide PHE grant meeting. DPH discussed an internship program, future trainings that will be provided for staff on a regional basis, budget revisions can be made on a weekly basis.
- Attended local PHE grant meeting with Brian, Susan, Joanie and Mary. I asked Stephanie Saunders, social worker, to speak to the group and let them know the types of projects/cases she works on. Kim Roy, HR Director, also joined us as we discussed a counteroffer for our epi candidate.
- Attended Part 2 of 2 NIEWPCC Massachusetts Title 5 System Inspector training course. In-person exam in Lowell is scheduled for Friday June 3rd.
- Attended in-person MEHA annual conference. Topics included a review of the COVID pandemic public health response, ghost kitchens, HACCP food plan review, private wells housing issues.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending May 27, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – Updates for EEE surveillance for 2022. 2022 *does not* have 3 of the historical indicators of risk: above average rainfall, mild winter with insulating snow cover, EEE activity in the previous year. DPH answered several questions regarding COVID – they will not be instituting any new mask mandates. Contact tracing continues to be based on capacity at a local level.
- A second booster clinic is scheduled for Tuesday June 7th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

NON-COVID-19

- Brian Flynn and I conducted food inspections at the following locations: Mobil and Pour. Separately Brian also inspected The Red Lion and Barn; Anchor & Sail; and Bia Bistro.
- Attended local PHE grant meeting with Susan, Joanie and Mary. Joanie announced that Hull is withdrawing. We followed up with a meeting with Brian and made it official. Brian reached out to DPH to let them know. We then met with DPH and asked if we could reach out to another town even though DPH has received a grant application that includes most of the remaining South Shore towns. We made a pitch as to why Norwell would make a good fit and it would be their benefit to join our smaller group. Chris Senior reached out to their town manager, and I sent them an email with the details. Hopefully they will agree to join us. We meet with DPH higher decision makers next week.
- Prepared a letter to send out to approximately 200 homeowners next week to allow us to conduct a quick well survey. The purpose is to get a GPS reading and input the information

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into our GIS system to get an accurate location of wells in town. Understanding well locations is an important function of local health to protect private water supplies. We will use summer interns working for DPH to take the readings.

- Cook Estate – reached out to Town Manager to push town counsel to review the draft easement prepared by lawyers for Cook Estate and the abutting neighbor located between Cook and Deer Hill School. Since the town will be taking possession of the sewer pipe it is important that town counsel approves the easement.
- Alerted CSCR, Lorri Gibbons and Annette Sawchuk that beach testing begins on June 13th and runs through September 5, 2022.
- Attended an EPA Pest Management webinar regarding control of rodents, cockroaches, bedbugs, and ticks.
- Attended a meeting with Challenger Sports camp with Mary.

6:48 P.M. Public Health Nurse Report

Ms. Goodwin was notified by the State that the Town is eligible for 1500 Covid test kits for free. There are 2 tests in each kit for a total of 3000 tests. Ms. Goodwin stated the demand in Town has increased. Once the Town receives the test kits, they will be distributed to Willcutt Commons, Fire Station, Police Station, DPW, Library, and the Town Hall for residents to pick up. Ms. Goodwin informed the Board there will be another Moderna Booster Clinic next Tuesday 3:00 until 5:00 and the Covid numbers have dropped in Cohasset.

Ms. Goodwin has been sending the Board the following reports:

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 3/4/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1092

Total number of Probable cases: 156

Deaths: four

The Town's total two-week caseload is: nine

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 2.43% (411 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **Low.**

Plymouth – **Low.**

Calls/Meetings:

DPH call:

Studies have shown that people eighteen -64 years old, have a better immune response from MRNA vaccines when the interval between dose one and dose two is lengthened from 4 – 8 weeks. Studies have also shown fewer cases of myocarditis and pericarditis when the interval between doses is lengthened. Moderately to severely immunocompromised people should receive a third dose followed by a booster dose 3 months later.

Variants:

Omicron BA.2 causing about 10% of cases in the northeast. Cases appear to be mild.

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BA1.1 has shown that monoclonal antibodies appear to be less effective.

Paxlovid is now available by prescription only. Oral tabs are for people 12 years and older. Treatment needs to be initiated within 5 days of symptom onset.

Maven Call:

COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

EEC now has a dedicated helpline available to assist daycares and early education centers with different situations.

The Maven call will now be held every 2 weeks instead of weekly.

3/2/22

Delivered test kits and a thermometer to a Covid positive resident with young children.

3/3/22

Home visit made to a homebound resident to administer Vitamin B12.

3/3/22

Participated in a Zoom meeting with MAPC, Mike Hugo from MHOA, Health Directors from Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. Job description for the regional EPI being finalized. Mike Hugo creating a document that summarizes the PHE grant to be distributed to town managers and boards.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Goodwin

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 3/11/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1096

Total number of Probable cases: 156

Deaths: four

The Town's total two-week caseload is: nine

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 3.08% (325 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **Low.**

Plymouth – **Low.**

Calls/Meetings:

DPH call:

The State sponsored "Stop the Spread" sites are being downsized. There will now be 11 sites across the State. These sites will remain open until 5/15/22 and then will reevaluate. To date, Stop the Spread has performed 4.1 million tests.

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Beginning Monday, March 14, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) will update the criteria used for identifying COVID-19 deaths to align with guidance from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. Currently, the COVID death definition includes anyone who has COVID listed as a cause of death on their death certificate, and any individual who has had a COVID-19 diagnosis within 60 days but does not have COVID listed as a cause of death on their death certificate. The updated definition reduces this timeframe from 60 days to 30 days for individuals without a COVID diagnosis on their death certificate.

A mosquito task force has been set up to study and make recommendations by the end of March. MIIS – work is being done on the system to make it capable of communicating with neighboring states so that immunization info can be shared.

3/7/22

Worked with Nancy Roach, HR Director at Hingham Lumber, to determine infectious and isolation period for a staff member who tested positive for Covid.

3/8/22 and 3/9/22

Had office visits for residents to perform blood pressure checks. Advised on medication, diet, exercise, and stress management.

3/10/22

Met with Stephanie Saunders, social worker at CEA. Discussed a complicated case, called PCP trying to arrange a home visit to avoid a trip to the ER. At this point we are still trying to coordinate home visit.

3/11/22

Preparing for Covid immunization clinic on Saturday 3/12/22 at Willcutt Commons. Only 4 appointments have been made so far despite advertising on various outlets. Walk ins are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Goodwin

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 3/18/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1107

Total number of Probable cases: 156

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: eleven

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 3.24% (340 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **Low.**

Plymouth – **Low.**

Calls/Meetings:

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DPH call:

Dr. Katie Brown presented the new guidance on reporting deaths associated with Covid 19. The new guidance is as follows:

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The revision follows the [recommendation](#) of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), in collaboration with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to create a standardized approach for states to use for counting COVID-19 deaths. Several other states are adopting this definition. This new guidance applies retroactively to the whole pandemic. As a result of this update, 4251 deaths have been removed from the State's data.

Maven call:

Maven now can run a report that will give you the number of Covid related deaths since 1/1/20. Cohasset is reporting 5 deaths.

3/12/22

Held a Covid 19 vaccination clinic at Willcutt Commons. Vaccinated 8 people.

3/14/22

Consulted with Stephanie Saunders, Social Worker CEA, about a difficult situation involving a senior resident living in a difficult home situation. Also spoke with family member and advised her to be in touch with PCP.

3/15/22

Cleaned out the sharp's kiosk located in town hall. Arranged for a pickup 3/23/22.
Respectfully submitted,
Mary Goodwin

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 3/25/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1121

Total number of Probable cases: 157

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: nineteen

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 5.19% (366 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **Low.**

Plymouth – **Low.**

Calls/Meetings:

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DPH call:

The team from "Color," the program used for scheduling vaccination clinics gave an update on their program. The program was first used on 2/23/21 and to date they have 211 sites using it. This includes EMTs, VNA, LBOH'S, pharmacy and clinic settings. They continue to expand the capabilities of the program.

Omicron variant – BA.2 – CDC is reporting that it is responsible for 35% of cases but Mass. DPH feels its closer to 50% of cases based on local data. So far it appears to be more transmissible than Omicron but less severe. Some factors that may keep it from surging are vaccination rates, natural immunity, and warmer weather. However, they seen a slight increase in the wastewater samples.

3/24/22

Attended the Thomas Q. Garvey World TB Day Lecture, sponsored by the Global TB Institute via Zoom. Talked about the history of TB, where we are today and what the future looks like. Compared TB to Covid in terms of progress made.

3/24/22

Attended the MAPC meeting with Health Directors from Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull along with Mike Hugo from MAHB. Heard a presentation from Ann Marie Kissel, North Suffolk regional Epidemiologist. She presented some of the projects she has been working on since 12/21.

3/25/22

Worked with another town department who has a covid positive employee. Determined who were close contacts and appropriate quarantine measures.

Worked all week with Stephanie Saunders, Social Worker CEA, on two complex at risk senior citizens.

3/25/22

Will be attending the *2022 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professorship in Public and Urban Affairs this afternoon. Dr. Ashish Jha will be presenting on the Role of Public Service in transitioning to a post Covid Era.*

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Goodwin

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 4/1/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1129

Total number of Probable cases: 157

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: twenty-six

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 6.91% (391 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **Low.**

Plymouth – **Low.**

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Calls/Meetings:

DPH call:

Following the FDA's approval, the CDC is updating its recommendations to allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of fifty who received an initial booster dose at least 4 months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19. Separately and in addition, based on [newly published data](#), adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

These updated recommendations acknowledge the increased risk of severe disease in certain populations including those who are elderly or over the age of fifty with multiple underlying conditions, along with the currently available data on vaccine and booster effectiveness.

Wastewater surveillance is proving to be a useful tool. The State will be offering this service to towns. More to come on this.

Antiviral medications are available to treat Covid and physicians are being encouraged to prescribe them for mild to moderate disease.

MAVEN call:

The call reviewed the different types of testing available to detect Covid 19. Reviewed when to use what type of test and how to interpret the results. Mass DPH continues to discourage antibody testing.

3/28/22

Met with Pam Fahey, Susan Sarni, Joanie Taverna, and Mary Whitley to discuss the contact tracers We have hired. All towns find them useful and valuable. We will keep them until the end of the fiscal year pending the status of the pandemic.

3/30/22

Worked with Lynne Miner, Director at the Carriage House Nursery School, to determine close contacts and appropriate quarantine and isolation measures as per the EEC guidance.

3/30/22

Participated in a webinar sponsored by Mass DPH. Learned how to deduplicate records in the MIIS program.

3/31/22

Home visit made to a homebound resident to administer Vitamin B12.

3/31/22

Participated in the weekly PHE grant meeting. Have received resumes for the regional EPI position. Interviewing will start soon. Contact tracers will stay in place until the end of June. MAPC will continue as the grant manager.

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We will be holding a Covid 19 vaccination clinic on May 14th, from 11:00 – 1:00 at Willcutt Commons. The clinic will offer first, second and booster doses of Moderna vaccine for people 18 years and older. Appointments are available at cohassetma.org

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Goodwin

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 4/8/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1139

Total number of Probable cases: 157

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: sixteen

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 4.63% (367 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **Low.**

Plymouth – **Low.**

Calls/Meetings:

DPH call:

No call this week

MAVEN call:

No call this week

4/4/22

Resumed office hours at Willcutt Commons for the first time in 2 years. Saw 6 clients.

4/6/22

Advised a resident on tick removal, care of the site, and when to seek medical attention.

Participated in a meeting with Brian Luther from MAPC, Susan Sarni from Hingham, Joanie Taverna and Pam Fahey to discuss the PHE grant.

4/7/22

Attended a Zoom meeting sponsored by the Mass DPH Community Sanitation division. They presented the updated recreational camp regulations for 2022.

4/8/22

Attended the MHOA presentation, via Zoom, in honor of National Public Health week. A forum of public health officials discussed lessons learned from the Covid 19 pandemic.

I will be on vacation for the next 2 weeks. Mary Whitley will be covering. mwhitley@cohassetma.org

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Goodwin

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 5/6/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1199

Total number of Probable cases: 152

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: 21

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 6.67% (360 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **High.**

Plymouth – **Medium.**

Community Outreach:

5/2/22

Held office hours at Willcutt Commons – saw 8 clients.

5/3/22

Made a home visit to a homebound elder. Administered Vit. B12 IM.

5/4/22

Mary Whitley and I made 17 home visits to administer second booster doses of the Moderna vaccine to homebound residents.

5/5/22

Participated in the Declutter Task Force meeting with representatives from Elder Affairs, Fire and Police Departments. Discussed some complex and challenging cases in town.

Have received many calls and signed up many people for the upcoming Covid booster clinic on 5/14/22. Right now, we have 90+ people registered.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Goodwin RN

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 5/13/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases:

Total number of Probable cases:

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: 39

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 10.08% (387 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **High.**

Plymouth – **High.**

Maven Call: This week was a general review of disease surveillance and investigation. Basic epi principles were reviewed.

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DPH call:

Childhood lead poisoning prevention was discussed. Massachusetts has the 3rd oldest housing stock in the country. 17 high risk communities have been identified. Screening rates dropped in 2020 due to the stay-at-home orders. Children were home for long periods of time, and lots of do-it-yourself projects were done. Rural communities saw only 42% of children being screened for lead. The state has a website, Lead Safe Homes. You can access records on existing dwellings re: lead evaluations.

Vaccine Update – The ACIP and the FDA will be meeting in June to discuss Covid vaccine for the < 5-year-olds.

Community Outreach:

5/11/22

Advised Brown Bear Daycare about isolation/quarantine guidance for 2-year-olds who are unable to successfully wear a mask while at daycare.

Spoke with Jamey Kupsc, Director South Shore Community Center Nursery School, about 2 teachers and 2 children with confirmed cases of Covid. Advised on isolation/quarantine guidance.

Spoke with Lea Goddard, Executive Director at Sunrise Assisted Living Center. To date, they have had 5 staff and 11 residents with Covid. Most cases have been mildly ill. Reviewed infection control policies and procedures, visitor restrictions and testing.

5/12/22

Listened to a webinar sponsored by the TB Division of Mass DPH. Discussed DOT (Direct observed therapy) for active and latent TB infections. DOT is required by Mass DPH Public Health laws. Full DOT must be performed by an RN for the first 2 weeks of observation.

I am now in the process of setting up for the Covid clinic on 4/14/22. The clinic is now full.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Goodwin RN

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 5/20/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1250

Total number of Probable cases: 163

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: 51

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 12.91% (395 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **High.**

Plymouth – **High.**

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Community Outreach:

5/14/22

Held a Covid vaccination clinic at Willcutt Commons. Vaccinated 94 people. Plan to hold another clinic on 6/7/22 at Willcutt Commons from 3:00 – 5:00 pm due to high demand for vaccine currently.

5/18/22

Worked with Stephanie Saunders (social worker at Willcutt Commons) a local PCP and a family to address complex issues with a resident.

5/18/22

Performed a recreational camp inspection at Holly Hill Farm with Pam Fahey. Met with Bruce Frost, Education Director. Reviewed camp policies, some medical records and made recommendations. Will return 5/30/22 to continue inspection process.

5/18/22

Advised Tiffany and Jess Bradshaw at Brown Bear Daycare about appropriate isolation/quarantine guidance.

5/19/22

Attended the PHE Grant meeting with Pam, Susan Sarni, Joanie Taverna and Brain Luther. Discussed salary for new regional Epi and the possibility of hiring a regional social worker.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Goodwin RN

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 5/27/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1268

Total number of Probable cases: 165

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: 42

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 11.87% (379 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **High.**

Plymouth – **High.**

Community Outreach:

5/23/22

Saw two clients for various medical issues. Both advised to contact their MD for further evaluation.

5/24/22

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Maven call:

An update on the pediatric Hepatitis outbreak. There are currently 180 cases in children under 10 years of age. Hepatitis is usually caused by a virus, alcohol abuse, toxins, or medications. Treatment depends on the underlying cause. At this time, the cause of the pediatric cases has not been determined. When a case is identified they are followed by the state as opposed to the LBOH.

Paxlovid – some people are having “rebound symptoms” 2 – 8 days after treatment. If symptoms develop, they should reisolate for 5 days and mask for the full 10 days.

An update on investigating enteric diseases commonly seen in the summer., how to conduct a food recall, notifying the cases place of work if they are considered a food handler. LBOH should notify the establishment.

5/24/22

DPH call:

An update on mosquito borne illnesses was given by Matt Osborne. EEE is rare but has a 50% mortality rate. 2019 was the first year of a 3-year cycle. There were twelve human cases with six deaths. 2020 saw five human cases and one death and 2021 saw zero cases. So far for 2022 we have seen above average rainfall in the fall, a mild winter and no EEE last year. Testing will begin 6/13/22. Dr. Brown gave an update on Monkey pox. Monkey pox is related to smallpox, but it causes less severe disease. It is predominantly seen in West and Central Africa. The current outbreak has seen rapid increase and travel has not been associated with it. Monkey pox does not spread effectively from person to person, must have direct contact with the fluid from vesicles/pustules. Close contact is within six feet for a period of 3 hours, and it is a 21-day incubation period. Lesions resolve in 2 – 4 weeks. Only one confirmed case on Ma. at this point.

5/25/22

Met with Hingham and Hull in Hingham to discuss the future of the PHE grant. Hull has decided to withdraw from the grant. Hingham still invested at this time.

5/26/22

Pam Fahey and I met with Scott Francis from Challenger Sports Camp via Zoom. Inspection started. Camp will run 1 week in July and 1 week in August. Identified one staff member not up to date on vaccinations. Advised him there was still time to get fully vaccinated before camp starts.

5/26/22

Participated in the PHE Zoom call with Hingham, MAPC and Chris Senior to talk about going forward with two towns. Chris Senior to reach out to Norwell to see if they would consider joining the group.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Goodwin RN

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Kirkpatrick moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05

SECONDED BY: Dr. Pollastri

VOTE: 2-0 MOTION CARRIED