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COHASSET BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MINUTES

DATE: MONDAY JUNE 21, 2021
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Board Members Present:

Robin Lawrence, DDS, MPH, Chairman, Absent
Lynn Doxey, MPH, Vice Chair
Michael Pollastri, PhD

Recording Secretary:

Amy Davis

Public Health Director:

Pam Fahey, MPH, SE

Field Engineer

Jason Federico

Public Health Nurse:

Mary Goodwin, RN

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

6:32 P.M. **20 Schofield Road, Septic Upgrade, I/A Technology Hoot System with GEOMAT Leaching System, Morse Engineering**

In attendance for this hearing: Jeff Hassett, Morse Engineering

Material used for this agenda item:

- Application for Disposal System Construction Permit dated 5/20/21.
- Septic System Design Plan, Morse Engineering, dated 5/17/21, revised 6/08/21.
- Form 11 Soil Suitability Assessment for On-Site Sewage Disposal dated 5/6/21.
- Percolation Test dated 5/6/21.

Jeff Hassett, Morse Engineering, reviewed the septic system design plan for 20 Schofield Road with the Board. The property consists of a 4-bedroom dwelling with a current septic tank and a leaching field that has failed a Title 5 inspection. Mr. Hassett is proposing to install a new 1500-gallon Hoot H600A treatment tank, 1500-gallon pump chamber, and a drip system to minimize the mound in the front yard. The applicant is requesting two local upgrades. The proposed system is Title 5 complaint, and the waterline will have to be relocated otherwise the water line would run under the leaching field.

MOTIONED BY: **Dr. Pollastri moved to approve the local upgrade 310 CMR 15.405(i): To allow the use of a sieve analysis for soil classification.**

SECONDED BY: **Ms. Doxey**

VOTE: **2-0 MOTION CARRIED**

MOTIONED BY: **Dr. Pollastri moved to approve the local upgrade 310 CMR 15.405(k): To allow the use of one deep hole within the area of the proposed SAS.**

SECONDED BY: **Ms. Doxey**

VOTE: **2-0 MOTION CARRIED**

MOTIONED BY: **Dr. Pollastri moved to approve the septic system design plan dated 5/17/21, revised 6/8/21.**

SECONDED BY: **Ms. Doxey**

VOTE: **2-0 MOTION CARRIED**

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6:42 P.M. **Approve Meeting Minutes from April 7th, April 28th, and June 15th.**
MOTIONED BY: **Dr. Pollastri**
SECONDED BY: **MS. Doxey**
VOTE: **2-0 MOTION CARRIED**

6:44 P.M. **Set next zoom meeting date for July 27, 2021, at 6:30 P.M.**

6:46 P.M. **Public Health Director Report**

Ms. Fahey is working on a Public Health Excellence Grant. To promote regional services to fill in where small BOH Departments cannot cover all the work themselves. The grant would be a shared grant with Hingham, Hull, and Weymouth. The Towns are looking for a case worker to help steer residents in the right direction and give information of what services are available to them. Ms. Goodwin stated there are a lot of issues that are not being addressed and believes it's a needed position. The Towns will apply for a Social Worker, Caseworker, epidemiologist, and someone to manage the grant.

Pamela Fahey, Board of Health Director, has been sending the Board the following weekly reports:

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending April 30, 2021

COVID-19:

- Monday morning call with Emergency Management team. Discussed quarantine changes for close contacts for schools.
- DPH call – New mask Order beginning on April 30th. Always wear a mask indoors, but not required outdoors unless you cannot maintain 6'. Sector-specific guidance is being rescinded for golf, construction, libraries, manufacturing and libraries – now use basis workplace standards.
- Met with CHS Athletic Director Steve Rotundi, Mary Goodwin and Chief Silvia to discuss COVID precautions for spring sports.
- Spoke with Cohasset Conservation Trust board member to discuss upcoming tenant season at Bassings Beach. The level of “sanitizing” and fogging after each tenant is no longer needed this season. General cleaning between tenants and airing out with air exchanges between cottage tenants will be sufficient.
- Spoke with a mother concerned with new COVID cases after school vacation. The decision to close schools and go remote is a school committee / superintendent decision. The health department suggested pool testing, however, schools felt there it was unnecessary since no in-school transmission.
- Mary and I met with Elder Services to discuss upcoming programs and if/how they would need to be altered to account for COVID. New Governor's Order is always wear a mask

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inside and wear a mask outside only when you cannot maintain 6' of distance. At this point, whether you have been vaccinated is still not considered in decisions for a public space.

- Provided appropriate DPH guidance documents to Elder Affairs, Park and Rec, and sailing club.
- Corresponded with youth soccer director and t-ball parent regarding new masking rules. Players still need to continue wearing masks. New youth sports guidance will be issued May 10th and will address sports that don't require masking. Adults watching should wear masks unless they can maintain 6'.

NON-COVID-19:

- Conducted food / restaurant inspections with Brian Flynn: Daily Press, Olympus Grill, Barrel & Vine, Gulf, Dunkin Donuts, Cohasset Golf Club and Evoke Wellness. Only Daily Press requires a follow up inspection.
- Attended virtual MHOA conference focused on swimming pool inspections and beach permitting.
- Sent an email to people proposing pop-up burger stand at 12 Parking Way. I did not receive information from DPH Bureau of Food Protection Program until Friday, but fortunately the information DPH sent was consistent with the information I sent to Smashburger. I instructed them to produce a food plan that outlines the information provided in a DPH Temporary Food guidance document. It requires a temporary water station, information regarding how wastewater will be disposed of, and pest control considering that flies are an issue for restaurants in that area in the summer.
- BOH meeting on Wednesday night. Held public hearing for requested variances for proposed barn and paddock for two horses at 306/312 Forest Avenue. The BOH did not feel comfortable granting the variance to the proposed garage with a living area since the setback would only be 12', requires 100'. If the applicant would not include a living space in the garage, the BOH would likely grant the variance along with the variance to the primary dwelling (88' rather than 100'). The applicant attorney suggested the hearing be continued to discuss the alternatives with his client. The hearing will be continued to Wednesday May 12 @6:00.
- Sent approval letter for two septic systems with IA systems that were approved at BOH meeting.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending May 7, 2021

COVID-19:

- Monday morning call with Emergency Management team – no call this week.
- DPH call – Starting next week, DPH calls will be reduced to once per week on Tuesdays. Monday May 10th is the beginning of Phase IV, Step 2 in Massachusetts. New business sectors will be allowed to reopen since the pandemic began such as water parks, ball pits, etc. New updated guidance will be released for many sectors.
- Phase IV, Step 2 of state reopening begins on Monday May 10th. DPH and other state agencies are updating COVID safety guidance documents. I will be submitting updated guidance to the following people/organizations that I spoke to this week:
 - Michele Hubley, Farmer's Market – Retail Standards

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- Kelly Lynch, Balance Studio – Fitness Standards
- Jill Murmes, South Shore Athletic Center – Fitness Standards
- Diana Karcher, Town Pool – Pool Standards
- Patrice Smith, Cohasset Swim Team – Youth Sports Guidance, Pool Standards
- Joyce Pofs-Driscoll, Sailing Club – Camp, Youth Sports, Events
- Julie Burke, Cohasset Soccer – Youth Sports Guidance
- Ashley Colleary, School Event – Event Guidance
- Sam Quinn, CYBSA – Youth Sports Guidance
- Dave McDonough, Scoops Lacrosse – Youth Sports Guidance
- Steve Rotundi, CHS Athletic Director – Youth Sports Guidance
- Lisa Pratt, Cohasset Theater Group – Theater & Performance Stanards
- Contacted Meaghan James, Cohasset Library Director, to let her know that library standards have been cancelled. Books no longer need to be quarantined when they are returned. Must follow generic Workplace Standards only that require masking indoors.
- Forwarded information to a woman concerned about health impacts to children wearing masks. DPH recommended that I forward information from CDC and to DESE directly if she has additional questions.
- Deactivated Cohasset users (except me) from PrepMod (to save the state money). Archived all of our completed clinics.
- Reviewed Park and Rec COVID safety plan documents for upcoming events.

NON-COVID-19:

- Conducted food / restaurant inspections with Brian Flynn: Atlantic Bagel, Anchor & Sail, Peel Pizza and Willcutt Commons. Also did follow up inspections later in week at Atlantic Bagel and Daily Press.
- Attended virtual Mosquito Control Task Force Meeting. Many towns expressed that they were concerned with spraying in their towns and wanted to opt out of spraying. They were primarily towns in central and western Mass concerned with organic farms. Task Force emphasized the human risk from EEE vs. low environmental impact. PFAS had been detected in pesticide drums (plastic drums), but drums are now replaced with metal containers.
- Plymouth County Mosquito Control (PCMC) will begin ground spraying for adult mosquitoes beginning June 1, 2021. I requested quotes from two mosquito spray companies to spray the Music Circus before town meeting on May 24, 2021.
- The applicants for two horses at 306/312 Forest Avenue withdrew their applications for variance, animal permit and stable permit. The scheduled hearing for May 12th has been cancelled. No reason was given by the attorney that announced the withdrawal.
- Stopped by the drilling program that was being conducted at Cook Estate. Green Environmental was installing six monitoring wells via direct push around the existing leaching fields to develop a profile of soil type and groundwater levels. The site investigation will ultimately aid in determining if leaching fields can effectively be located in the current location.
- Attended a perc test at 20 Schofield Road. Shallow groundwater will likely require a drip leaching field.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending May 14, 2021

COVID-19:

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- Monday morning call with Emergency Management team – no call this week.
- DPH call – Monday May 10th was the beginning of Phase IV, Step 2 in Massachusetts. New business sectors were allowed to reopen since the pandemic began such as water parks, ball pits, etc. New and updated guidance was released for many sectors. Friday calls have been cancelled.
- I sent updated guidance to the following people/organizations with an email letting them know new changes:
 - Michele Hubley, Farmer's Market – Retail Standards
 - Kelly Lynch, Balance Studio – Fitness Standards
 - Jenna McCarthy, Cohasset Park & Rec – Youth Sports Guidance
 - Diana Karcher, Town Pool – Pool Standards
 - Patrice Smith, Cohasset Swim Team – Youth Sports Guidance, Pool Standards
 - Joyce Pofs-Driscoll, Sailing Club – Camp, Youth Sports, Events
 - Julie Burke, Cohasset Soccer – Youth Sports Guidance
 - Ashley Colleary, School Event – Event Guidance
 - Sam Quinn, CYBSA – Youth Sports Guidance
 - Dave McDonough, Scoops Lacrosse – Youth Sports Guidance
 - Steve Rotundi, CHS Athletic Director – Youth Sports Guidance
 - Lisa Pratt, Cohasset Theater Group – Theater & Performance Standards
 - John Franco, Pat's Barbership – Personal Care Standards
 - Entire Cohasset Restaurant Group – Food and Restaurant Standards
- Mary Goodwin and I visited Holly Hill Farm and met in person with Cindy Prentice and the new camp director Bruce Frost. We reviewed their camp policy document for the upcoming season. Mary focused primarily on their medical obligations and I focused on meeting COVID standards.
- Reviewed Park and Rec COVID safety plan document for outdoor summer basketball as well as their proposed health attestation document.
- Thursday CDC announced relaxing mask use for vaccinated individuals. Responded to many questions on Friday regarding announcement.
- Nothing changes in Massachusetts, however, until the Governor announces changes.

NON-COVID-19:

- Conducted food / restaurant inspections with Brian Flynn: Fresh Feast, Ava Cucina, Lenny's Hideaway and the three Cohasset schools (CHS, Deer Hill and Osgood). Also did follow up inspections later in week at Daily Press.
- Secured the services of Mosquito Shield in Hanover to spray the Music Circus property prior to Town Meeting on Monday May 24th. (Plymouth County does not begin until June 1st). Targeted spraying of the foliage surrounding the parking lot will be conducted by workers using backpack spraying. **Called Music Circus to inform them.**
- Conducted a residential kitchen inspection at 17 Cedarledge Village. No permit can be issued until the refrigerator temperature is within acceptable limits.
- Midges are back at Straits Pond. Directed people to the group email initiated by Hull town manager that addresses the issue.

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Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending May 21, 2021

COVID-19:

- Thursday morning call with Emergency Management team to discuss implications of State rescinding all sector-specific COVID guidance on May 29th and adopting a new COVID mask Order that will be consistent with CDC guidance. The State of Emergency will end in Massachusetts on June 15th and the changes that will result impacting board meetings, etc.
- DPH call – announced that as of Monday May 10th, children no longer need to wear mask outdoors playing sports, recess, outdoor learning, etc. All other sector-specific COVID guidance will be rescinded on May 29 reopening the state. A new Mask Order will be issued by the Governor that will be in alignment with CDC mask guidance.
- I corresponded with the following people/organizations this week regarding the Governor's announcements:
 - Michele Hubley, Farmer's Market
 - Kelly Lynch, Balance Studio
 - Jill Murmes, South Shore Athletic Center
 - Diana Karcher and Brian Sasso, Town Pool
 - Patrice Smith, Cohasset Swim Team
 - Joyce Pofs-Driscoll, Sailing Club
 - Paula Dickey, Cohasset Yacht Club
 - Julie Burke, Cohasset Soccer
 - Ashley Colleary, Amy Pruitt - School Event
 - Patrick Sullivan and Brian Scott, CHS prom and graduation
 - Nancy LaFauce, Cohasset Elder Affairs
 - Jenna McCarthy, Cohasset Park and Recreation
 - Sam Quinn, CYBSA
 - Dave McDonough, Scoops Lacrosse
 - Steve Rotundi, CHS Athletic Director
 - Lisa Pratt, Cohasset Theater Group
 - Vince Longo, Music Circus
 - Eric Penanhoat, CMI rowing club
- Reviewed Park and Rec COVID safety plan for babysitting services during town meeting.

NON-COVID-19:

- Conducted food / restaurant inspections with Brian Flynn: Atlantica/Olde Salt; and Red Lion Tavern and Barn. Brian also did Bia Bistro, 3A Pizza and 5 South Main.
- Conducted residential kitchen inspections located on Cedar Street and Cedarledge Village. Sent the woman on Cedar Street additional information for licensing requirements needed to sell wholesale
- Contracted with Mosquito Shield of Hanover to spray Music Circus property prior to Town Meeting on May 24th. Informed Music Circus
- Received a phone call from Mike Whiteside, MassDEP enforcement officer for southeast region. Mike has supported me for investigations at 390 CJC. He said that he received an anonymous complaint regarding Scituate Collision, newly located at 827 CJC. The site abuts Bound Brook and has a MassDEP-approved tight tank for a septic system. I reviewed the site

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plan with Jason Federico, visited the site and spoke with the owner. He is a registered autobody shop with the State of Massachusetts. The shop is in compliance with air emission controls and there are no drains on the property that could potentially be conduits for contaminants to Bound Brook. The complaint was unfounded and Mike closed the case.

- Camps – Mary and I visited with Cohasset Sports Complex to kick off camp season
- Inspected the pool at Reserve (formerly Avalon) that will open Memorial Day weekend

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending June 04, 2021

COVID-19:

- DPH call – COVID limits have been removed except for indoor masking for unvaccinated individuals; plus everyone in public schools, public transportation and health institutions. DESE issued updated guidance for proms and graduations.
- COVID is winding down. I got reinstated back into MAVEN. Next week will run summary statistics for Cohasset during the pandemic including #cases by month starting in March 2020 and testing positivity rate. Will also provide vaccination update and post information.
- Spoke with Dave Ames from My Gym Children's Fitness Center to discuss remaining rules for young kids indoors.

NON-COVID-19:

- Conducted food / restaurant inspections with Brian Flynn: Seabird, Shaws, AFC Sushi (in Shaws), Starbucks, Cohasset House of Pizza.
- Sent septic failure notification letter to owner of 472 Beechwood Street via certified mail. Owner has two years to upgrade failed system.
- Approved Farmer's Market food permits for various vendors. Thursday was the opening day for the market (previous Saturday was a rainout).
- Approved drinking water well permit for Dolan Lane, Lot C.
- Began review for septic upgrade plan for 20 Schofield Road. Alerted the homeowner that a deed restriction and O&M contract will be required.
- Attended a Bidder's Conference meeting for a Public Health Excellence Grant for Shared Services. The purpose of the grant is to share and work with surrounding towns to fill in gaps in services. One grant requirement is that the agreement must include at least three towns and so far only Hingham and Cohasset have expressed interest in participating. The Mass Health Officer Association (MHOA) president, who resides in Hingham, is trying to rally other South Shore towns and is holding a meeting next week. Hopefully we will get at least one more partner so that we can apply. Preliminarily, we are proposing to seek funds to hire a person who can provide much needed social services, particularly to support elderly residents.
- Attended a declutter meeting with the part-time Cohasset social worker to receive updates for at-risk individuals on town.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending June 11, 2021

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- DPH call – The community tracing collaborative (CTC) will be closing down September 15th and will no longer accept new cases. All contact tracing will have to be conducted by local health. Contact tracing is no longer needed for outdoor exposures.
- Finalized a draft of an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) plan for vaccine clinics. The initial draft (although implemented during the winter) was never reviewed and finalized. Will send to the emergency management group next week for comments to complete the document for future clinics.

NON-COVID-19:

- Conducted food / restaurant inspections with Brian Flynn: Stop & Shop, Dunkin Donuts, Nguyen's Kitchen
- Mary and I met with Jack Buckley from Cohasset Center for Coastal Research (CSCR) as a kick off before beach sampling season begins next week. Bassings Beach is now on the state list of beaches that needs to close after one sample exceedance due to a history of exceedances. We agreed that CSCR will collect additional samples at Bassings to determine if contaminant concentrations differ in various locations in and around Bassings. To offset the testing costs, CSCR will bill the health department (similar to CSCR billing DPW for testing in Sandy Cove). CSCR will continue to collect three samples for submittal to G&L Labs: one from Rocky, one from Sandy and one from Bassings.
- Spoke with Lori Gibbons regarding lion's mane jellyfish. One was recently spotted at Nantasket Beach. Will contact Sandy Beach Association and let them know to purchase a purple flag in case one is spotted. Advisories are currently in place in South Boston and Quincy.
- Hingham and Cohasset are seeking a third partner for a Public Health Excellence grant to supplement public health services. During a meeting on Friday, Hull committed to join Hingham and Cohasset; Braintree, Weymouth and Hanover are all interested and will get back to the group early next week. MAPC and Dawn Sibor (MHOA President) will write the grant. Everyone agreed that mental health/community outreach are the top priorities. Cohasset to be listed as the lead town, but luckily someone from MAPC will be the initial grant manager.
- Multiple requests for septic plans and assistance with food applications.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending June 18, 2021

COVID-19:

- DPH call – Now that the State of Emergency has ended, local health no longer can share addresses of COVID cases with emergency dispatch. However, local health has the authority to share information in order to investigate, control or prevent disease. It is a subject call for local health.
- Sent a draft of an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) plan for vaccine clinics to the emergency management group for comments/edits.
- Started to summarize statistical information from MAVEN to document cases over the course of the pandemic from March 2020 to the present in the town of Cohasset.

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- Work is underway for the application for a Public Health Excellence grant for a regional collaboration for shared services among South Shore towns. The grant is being written by Dawn Sibor, president of MHOA, and members from MAPC. Tentatively, the participating towns will include Cohasset, Hingham Hull and Weymouth. Cohasset will be the lead town on the grant. The proposed budget will be close to the \$300,000 maximum.
- Event committee meeting. Sent South Shore Arts Festival instructions for online food permitting for proposed food trucks at event.
- Held brief in-person Board of Public Health meeting to continue septic hearing for 20 Schofield Road. Massachusetts Legislature did not extend State of Emergency remote public meetings in time for Tuesday meeting.
- Conducted food / restaurant inspections with Brian Flynn: Fire & Stone Trattoria (new restaurant opening), Feng Shui, Victoria's and CVS. Followed up with Dunkin Donuts on King Street that addressed issues from previous inspection. Also separately, I conducted the opening inspection for the Sand Bar at Sandy Beach.
- First round of beach sampling began on Tuesday. The initial sample from Sandy Beach exceeded the maximum limit for bacteria (enterococci), but a resample collected within 24 hours passed. Therefore, all beaches will be open this weekend.
- Spoke with Lori Gibbons regarding buying kiosks for the beaches to post beach permitting and closure information. She has a display window that she can put outside. I will speak with Sandy Beach Association. A means to display information is needed at Black Rock Beach that currently has no means to display information.
- Conducted pool inspections at the Cohasset Town Pool and Red Lion Inn. Ordered town pool to get hard line phones direct to 911 to replace a rechargeable cordless phone.
- Conducted a housing inspection at the Preserve (formerly Avalon) at the request of a tenant experiencing health problems from poor indoor air quality.
- Amy and I will work on pulling together a list of corrections needed for the online permitting Permit Eyes. We would like a complete set of permit applications before Permit Eyes begin work in other Cohasset departments.
- Attended MHOA quarterly meeting online.
- Responded to Planning Chair Amy Glasmeier regarding whether or not groundwater site investigations have taken place at 1 Pleasant Street and 147 South Main Street, addresses where redevelopment is planned. No groundwater investigations have taken place according to MassDEP's 21E database.

6:55 P.M. Public Health Nurse Report

Ms. Goodwin informed the Board that many of the COVID cases are down. Ms. Goodwin has been focusing on summer programs and going over the current State guidelines with the different programs.

Mary Goodwin, Public Health Nurse, has been sending the Board the following weekly reports:

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 4/30/21

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 428

Total number of Probable cases: 85

Deaths: 4

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Contacts traced: 388.

The Town's total two-week caseload is: 16.

The Town's two-week positive test rate is: 1.75% (1029 total tests)

The Town's current color code is Yellow.

Investigation and Surveillance:

Ongoing case investigations are initiated within 24 hours of notification of a confirmed case. Contact is made with all probable cases within 24 hours if possible. At this point Mary Whitley is available and has received Maven training. She is assisting with case follow up and doing most of the cases at this point.

Calls/Meetings:

Weekly calls have been changed to every other Monday at 8:00 am – the Team consists of the Town Manager, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Emergency Manager, Health Agent, Public Health Nurse, HR Director, IT and Facilities Manager. The agenda is set by the Fire Chief and includes old business, new business and messaging. On Thursday, the call also includes School Superintendent, Elder Affairs, Procurement, and Recreation Department.

DPH call – every Tuesday and Friday

Mass DPH Maven updates – this call has been reduced to weekly on Tuesdays. Fridays have been added for questions only.

4/25/21 Received a call from Pat Sullivan, School Superintendent, stating that he had been made aware of approximately 6 seniors who had traveled to Florida over the vacation and now some are testing positive for Covid. Investigation begun. Identified 6 confirmed cases – 4 students, 2 parents placed in isolation, contacts identified and quarantined.

4/26/21 Worked closely with the school nurses to isolate 10 students who are confirmed Covid cases. Contacts traced and placed in quarantine. At this time there does not appear to be any is school transmission, but we are following it closely.

4/26/21 Met with Steve Rotondi, Athletic Director Cohasset Middle/High School, Chief Silvia and Pam Fahey to review plans for spring sports. Plans approved.

Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC)

The CTC managed by Partner's in Health is now fully operational and accepting cases. CTC has cut back on their work force as the numbers decline in the State. They will be working closely with colleges, universities, boarding schools, and local schools. CTC now reports that they are able to contact about 80% of cases within 24 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Goodwin

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 5/7/21

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 434

Total number of Probable cases: 87

Deaths: 4

Contacts traced: 388.

The Town's total two-week caseload is: 23.

The Town's two-week positive test rate is: 2.75% (944 total tests)

The Town's current color code is Yellow.

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DPH call – effective next week this will be a weekly call on Tuesdays.

Mass DPH Maven updates – this call has been reduced to weekly on Tuesdays. Fridays have been added for questions only.

School update: Have been clearing cases from isolation associated with travel. Additional cases related to travel have been identified and placed in isolation.

The new guidance from DESE for contact tracing has gone into effect this week. Students within 3 feet are not required to quarantine if masks were worn, and exposure happened either in the classroom or on the bus. The schools are still required to inform parents if close contact was identified.

All other exposures must adhere to the 6-foot rule.

Camps: Continue providing guidance and updates to Holly Hill Farm and Cohasset Sports Complex. Will be meeting with both next week to review their camp and Covid plans.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary Goodwin

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 5/14/21

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 436

Total number of Probable cases: 88

Deaths: 4

Contacts traced: 391.

The Town's total two-week caseload is: 15.

The Town's two-week positive test rate is: 2.16% (786 total tests)

The Town's current color code is **Green**.

Investigation and Surveillance:

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Calls/Meetings:

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DPH call – effective next week this will be a weekly call on Tuesdays.

Mass DPH Maven updates – this call has been reduced to weekly on Tuesdays. Fridays have been added for questions only.

On Monday 5/10/21 the State entered Phase 4 Step 2 of the reopening plan. New sports guidance sent to Cohasset Sports Complex. Planning to meet with the staff next week to review reopening plans and update them on new camp requirements.

5/12/21 Made a visit to Holly Hill Farm with Pam Fahey. Met with Cindy Prentice and Bruce Frost. Discussed the reopening guidance in addition to the camp regulations that already exist. They are working on their camp plans for this season. Plan to return June 2nd to do a formal inspection.

5/13/21 Attended a chapter meeting of Mass. Assoc. of Public Health Nurses. Agenda items included upcoming flu season, potential booster dose clinics, and TB testing.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary Goodwin

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 5/28/21

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 438

Total number of Probable cases: 88

Deaths: 4

Contacts traced: 391.

The Town's total two-week caseload is: 1.

The Town's two-week positive test rate is: 0.22% (460 total tests)

The Town's current color code is **Grey**.

Investigation and Surveillance:

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Calls/Meetings:

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DPH call weekly on Tuesday.

Mass DPH Maven updates – this call has been reduced to weekly on Tuesdays. Fridays have been added for questions only.

5/24 Spoke with Paula Murphy from the South Shore Community Center about a possible toddler summer music program.

5/25 Met with the Emergency Management team to discuss and plan for the reopening of town hall, the library, and Willcutt Commons.

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5/27 Went to Holly Hill Farm. Met with Bruce Frost and Cindy Prentice. Camp inspection performed; permit given.

5/29 Starting tomorrow all restrictions and capacity limits are being lifted. The mask order will be rescinded and replaced with an advisory that states if you are fully vaccinated no mask required either indoors or outdoors and social distancing does not need to be maintained. If not fully vaccinated a mask indoors is advised and outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC)

The CTC managed by Partner's in Health is now fully operational and accepting cases. CTC has cut back on their work force as the numbers decline in the State. The CTC contract has been extended until the end of September at which point it will expire. Through the summer they will begin to wind down on the number of cases followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Goodwin

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 6/11/21

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 439

Total number of Probable cases: 87

Deaths: 4

Contacts traced: 391.

The Town's total two-week caseload is: 0.

The Town's two-week positive test rate is: 0.00% (345 total tests)

The Town's current color code is **Grey**.

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DPH call weekly on Tuesday.

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6/7/21 Assisted Glenn Pratt with distribution of excess PPE. Community agencies notified of resources available – Launch, Cohasset Food Pantry, group homes and CSCR will receive supplies.

6/9/21 Listened to a mandatory webinar on Vaccine storage and handling done by Mass DPH. Received the required certificate needed to be able to get vaccines from DPH.

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 6/18/21

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 439

Total number of Probable cases: 87

Deaths: 4

Contacts traced: 391.

The Town's total two-week caseload is: 1.

The Town's two-week positive test rate is: 0.29% (343 total tests)

The Town's current color code is **Grey**.

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6/15/21 Met with Scott Francis from Challenger Sports Camp via Google hangouts. Began the inspection process for a recreational camp. Camp will be held July 5 - 9 at the Cohasset Sports Complex. Scott had many questions about the application. He is considering decreasing the hours of camp and changing the name to avoid the camp regulations.

6/16/21 Ordered and replaced the AED pads for the defibrillator in town hall.

6/17/21 Attended the MHOA Quarterly Meeting - Local Public Health: Pivoting from the Pandemic into the Future"

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MOTION BY: Ms. Doxey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M.
SECONDED BY: Dr. Pollastri
VOTE: 2-0 MOTION CARRIED