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COHASSET BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MINUTES

DATE: TUESDAY JULY 27, 2021
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Board Members Present:

Robin Lawrence, DDS, MPH, Chairman
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

6:33 P.M. Meeting called to order.

6:43 P.M. 534 Beechwood Street, Proposed Septic System Upgrade, Cavanaro Engineering

In attendance for this hearing: John Cavanaro, Cavanaro Consulting

Material used for this agenda item:

- Application for Disposal System Construction Permit dated 6/22/2021
- Septic System Design Plan, Cavanaro Consulting dated 6/22/2021
- Percolation Test dated 10/22/2020

John Cavanaro, Cavanaro Consulting, reviewed the proposed septic plan for 534 Beechwood Street with the Board. The property is owned by Joe & Lily Sestito and was the former Beechwood General Store located at the intersection of Beechwood, Church, and Doane Street. Traditionally it has been a mixed-use facility that has been in and out of use over the last several years. The property has maintained some level of service retail. A portion of the dwelling has primarily been used as a rental apartment consisting of 5 bedrooms. The cesspool on the property has failed. The current system does not meet Title 5 standards. The Sestito's would like to rehabilitate the facility, bring it back to its old form, and upgrade the septic system. The proposed system will have a design flow of 600 gallons per day which equates to 5 bedrooms with 800 square feet of retail space. The system will consist of a 2,000-gallon two compartment tank, 1,000-gallon pump chamber, and a leaching field in the northeast corner of the site. The only relief the applicant is seeking is for groundwater reduction from 4 feet, required, to 3 feet. Dr. Pollastri asked what type of mix use will it be? Mr. Cavanaro responded he is not exactly sure but, it would be some type of retail.

MOTION BY: Ms. Doxey moves to approve the Local Upgrade Request per 310CMR 15.405(1)(b.); To allow the reduction of required vertical separation between the bottom of the soil absorption system above high groundwater from 4 feet to 3 feet.

SECONDED BY: Dr. Pollastri

VOTE: 2-0 (Dr. Lawrence was not present for the vote)

MOTION BY: Ms. Doxey moves to approve the septic system design plan for 534 Beechwood Street dated 6/22/2021.

SECONDED BY: Dr. Pollastri

VOTE: 2-0 (Dr. Lawrence was not present for the vote)

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6:43 P.M. 23 Ledge Way, Septic Upgrade, Morse Engineering

In attendance for this hearing: Paul Gunn, Morse Engineering

Material used for this agenda item:

- Application for Disposal System Construction Permit dated 6/04/2021
- Septic System Design Plan, Morse Engineering dated 6/04/2021
- Form 11- Soil Suitability Assessment for On-Site Disposal dated 7/29/2019
- Percolation Test dated 7/29/2019

Paul Gunn, Design Engineer from Morse Engineering, reviewed the septic system design plan for 23 Ledge Way with the Board. The property currently has a single 3-bedroom dwelling serviced by a conventional SAS that is in failure. The applicant is proposing to replace the failed system with a 1500-gallon H-20 rated septic tank, 5 outlet H-20 rated distribution box, and a Presby Enviro-Septic pipes. The applicant will be using two of the I/A technology design credits for the Presby system. The first is to allow two-foot separation to groundwater from the bottom of the sand and seasonal high groundwater. The second is to allow a 38% SAS size reduction (up to 40% allowed). The applicant is also requesting a local upgrade approval for the use of a sieve analysis in lieu of a percolation test.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Doxey moved to approve the local upgrade request per 310 CMR 15.405(h): to allow the use of a sieve analysis

SECONDED BY: Dr. Pollastri

VOTE: 3-0

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Doxey moves to approve the septic system design plan for 23 Ledge Way dated 6/04/2021.

SECONDED BY: Dr. Pollastri

VOTE: 3-0

6:47 P.M. Approve Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2021.

MOTIONED BY: Dr. Pollastri

SECONDED BY: Ms. Doxey

VOTE: 3-0 MOTION CARRIED

6:48 P.M. Set next zoom meeting date for August 30, 2021, at 6:30 P.M.

6:50 P.M. 5 Stratford Terrace, New Septic System, Morse Engineering.

In attendance for this hearing: Paul Gunn, Morse Engineering

Material used for this agenda item:

- Application for Disposal System Construction Permit dated 7/13/2021
- Septic System Design Plan, Morse Engineering dated 6/22/2021, revised 7/26/2021
- Form 11- Soil Suitability Assessment for On-Site Disposal dated 7/15/2021
- Percolation Test dated 7/16/2019

Paul Gunn, Morse Engineering, reviewed the new construction septic design plans for 5 Stratford Terrace. The site is currently a vacant lot. The applicant is proposing a 5-bedroom septic system for a new single-family dwelling. The system will consist of a 1500-gallon septic tank, eight outlet distribution box, and eight rows of seven ARC36 leaching chamber with one row of extension caps. No variance or local upgrades are being requested since it is new construction.

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MOTIONED BY: Dr. Pollastri moved to approve the new septic system design plan for 5 Stratford Terrace, LOT 6 dated 6/22/2021, revised 7/26/2021

SECONDED BY: Ms. Doxey

VOTE: 3-0 MOTION CARRIED

7:00 P.M. 140 Lamberts Lane, Local Upgrade Request, Morse Engineering

In attendance for this hearing: Paul Gunn, Morse Engineering

Material used for this agenda item:

- Application for Disposal System Construction Permit dated, 7/13/2021
- Septic System Design Plan, Morse Engineering dated, 7/13/2021
- Form 11- Soil Suitability Assessment for On-Site Disposal dated 6/28/2021
- Percolation Test dated 6/28/2021

Paul Gunn, Morse Engineering, reviewed the septic upgrade plan for 140 Lamberts Lane with the Board. The property currently has a 4-bedroom single family dwelling serviced by a conventional soil absorption system (SAS). The system is in failure due to its location within the groundwater table. There is a potable well on the property and the proposed system will be more than the required 100 feet away. The applicant is proposing to reuse the 1500-gallon septic tank, install a Zabel filter, the pipe will run down the back yard under the driveway to an existing distribution box, and then go to the leaching area. The applicant is requesting a local upgrade approval for a separation to groundwater from 4 feet to 3 feet between the SAS and the seasonal high groundwater.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Doxey moved approve the local upgrade request per 310 CMR 15.405(h): To allow the reduction of required vertical separation between the bottom of the soil absorption system above high groundwater from 4 feet to 3 feet.

SECONDED BY: Dr. Pollastri

VOTE: 3-0

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Doxey moved approve the septic system design plan for 140 Lamberts Lane dated 7/13/2021.

SECONDED BY: Dr. Pollastri

VOTE: 3-0

7:10 P.M. 46 Church Street, upgrade complete System, Variance Request, McSweeney Associates

In attendance for this hearing: Colin McSweeney, McSweeney Associates

Material used for this agenda item:

- Application for Disposal System Construction Permit dated, 6/29/2021
- Septic System Design Plan, Morse Engineering dated, 6/15/2021, revised 7/15/2021
- Form 11- Soil Suitability Assessment for On-Site Disposal dated 3/01/2021
- Percolation Test dated 3/01/2021

Colin McSweeney, McSweeney Associates, reviewed the septic upgrade plan for 46 Church Street with the Board. The property currently has a single family 4-bedroom dwelling that is being remodeled. The applicant is proposing a pump tank in the back of the dwelling that feeds up to a field, distribution box, and to a leaching field. The proposed design is Title 5 compliant. The applicant is requesting a variance to pump to the distribution box to allow it to run to gravity to the field the reason for the request is its less labor intensive and cheaper for the applicant.

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MOTIONED BY: Dr. Pollastri moved to approve the local upgrade request per Cohasset Supplemental Rule and regulations Section 15.231(13) to allow pump to gravity via a distribution box.

SECONDED BY: Dr. Lawrence

VOTE: 3-0 Motion Carries

MOTIONED BY: Dr. Pollastri moved to approve the septic system design plan for 46 Church Street, dated 6/15/2021, revised 7/15/2021140 Local upgrade request per Cohasset Supplemental Rule and regulations Section 15.231(13) to allow pump to gravity via a distribution box.

SECONDED BY: Dr. Lawrence

VOTE: 3-0 Motion Carries

7:15 P.M. Public Health Director Report

Ms. Fahey and Jason Federico, Field Engineer, investigated a report of a mysterious breakout on the left side of Sandy Beach. Water was bubbling through the soil that was black with a strong odor of sewage. Ms. Fahey contacted the DPW Director and a sewer board member. They do not think it is a sewer pipe because the sewer lines are so far away from the area. Ms. Fahey and Mr. Federico collected water samples and brought one to CSCR for bacterial analysis, the results will take 24 hours. Another sample was taken to the Water Department to analyze for fluoride. The sample was positive for fluoride at an equivalent concentration equivalent to drinking water. The Water Department went out to see if there was a broken pipe by excavating test pits between the breakout area and the street and no leaks were found. Ms. Fahey and Mr. Federico will continue the investigation tomorrow taking samples, running more test and further excavation. Ms. Fahey showed the Board the following pictures.

Breakout at Sandy Beach 7/27/2021.



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Seaweed at Sandy Beach 7/6/2021



Encampment

Ms. Fahey and Ms. Goodwin met today with the Police Fire, and Elder Affairs to discuss a homeless encampment in the woods off Route 3A in Whitney Woods. The Town Social Worker and a detective from the Police Department have been working with this group of people for a while trying to get them the proper help. This Thursday the State Environmental Police, DCR, and local police are going to go talk to the group and try to gradually move them out of the woods. It's not a life-threatening situation right now, but once the cold weather moves in it will not be safe. Food and water have been brought to the group to help. Right now, there are 4 adult men and 2 adult women living in homemade tents out of tarps. The property is owned by the State. The Cohasset Police will be enforcing no alcohol, and no open fires. Ms. Goodwin and the Town Social Worker will be going out to check on the woman tomorrow to make sure she is safe and offer some resources.

Grant

Ms. Fahey submitted an application for a Public Health Excellence Grant. About 4 years ago people involved in Public Health studied approaches to improve local public health in Massachusetts. The way Massachusetts is set up is that every town has their own Board of Health. Everywhere else in the country is done by county. These people wrote a white paper report laying out what can be done to improve Massachusetts local public health. One of the big takeaways is that they think there should be more sharing of services. To address this situation, the state put out Public Health Excellence grants to design shared services and it must be at least 3 towns working together. About 29 different groups submitted grants and all of them were approved. Towns on the South Shore did not apply for the first round of grants and are being encouraged to apply for this second round. Weymouth, Hingham, and Hull have agreed to team with Cohasset. The towns applied for a 300,000.000 grant and will include positions to manage the grant, an epidemiologist, and a lead social worker. The application has been submitted.

7:21 P.M. Review Board of Public Health Fee Schedule

Ms. Fahey reviewed a spreadsheet to the Board showing the neighboring towns Board of Health fees and comparing them to Cohasset's fees. Ms. Fahey noticed that Cohasset's fees are comparable to the other Towns and doesn't feel it is necessary to change or increase the current Board of Public Health fees. Ms. Fahey would like the Board to look at the plan review fees on the spreadsheet for septic systems up to 10,000 gallons that is highlighted on the spread sheet. Ms. Fahey would like to send any septic

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systems up to 10,000 gallons to a second party Engineer for review. Ms. Fahey will reach out to some of the local engineers to see what their hourly rate would be and how many hours it would take to review a plan. Ms. Fahey will forward the Board the spreadsheet.

7:27 P.M. Public Health Nurse Report

Ms. Goodwin stated there was a breakthrough case, a fully vaccinated resident tested positive. The encampment situation poses a concern. The town is starting to see more homeless people in Town and Ms. Goodwin is concerned with how does the Town deal with it? How do we best serve people who are homeless?

Ms. Goodwin received a phone call from a daycare in Town that they have 6 confirmed cases of RSV which is a respiratory virus. For adults and older children, it is usually mild but for babies and toddlers it can be serious. It's not a reportable disease but Ms. Goodwin did review infection control with the daycare, and they will review it with their staff.

Mask wearing is becoming an issue Ms. Goodwin has been working with the Recreation Department and let Mr. Carroll know children who are not vaccinated need to wear a mask.

7:40 P.M. Reorganization of the Board of Public Health Members

Ms. Fahey asked the Board if they would like to reorganize?

MOTIONED BY: Dr. Lawrence moved to nominate Dr. Pollastri to be Chair for the Cohasset Board of Public Health

SECONDED BY: Ms. Doxey

VOTE: 2-0 Motion Carries (1 Abstention)

MOTIONED BY: Dr. Pollastri moved to nominate Ms. Doxey as Vice-Chair for the Cohasset Board of Public Health

SECONDED BY: Dr. Lawrence

VOTE: 2-0 Motion Carries (1 Abstention)

MOTIONED BY: Dr. Pollastri moved to nominate Dr. Lawrence as Clerk for the Cohasset Board of Public Health

SECONDED BY: Ms. Doxey

VOTE: 2-0 Motion Carries (1 Abstention)

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

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending June 25, 2021

COVID-19:

- DPH call – Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) said that all health and safety guidance will be lifted for the fall – including social distancing and masking assuming there are no unforeseen changes in current trends. U.S. vaccines are effective against the Delta variant per the CDC.

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- Sent a draft of an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) plan for vaccine clinics to the emergency management group for comments/edits. Received more comments this week and will finalize document next week.
- Presented a summary of statistical information for cases and Cohasset vaccination rates from March 2020 to the present to the Select Board at Tuesday night meeting.

NON-COVID-19:

- Submitted an application for a Public Health Excellence grant for a regional collaboration for shared services among South Shore towns. The grant was written by Dawn Sibor, president of MHOA, and reviewed and approved by participating towns. The participating towns include Cohasset, Hingham Hull, and Weymouth. Cohasset will be the lead town on the grant. The proposed budget is the \$300,000 maximum.
- Event committee meeting. Met with film crew that plans to film for one week during the last week of July for a movie “Confess Fletch”. The catering service will need to apply for a food permit.
- Conducted food / restaurant inspections with Brian Flynn: Fire & Stone Trattoria (new restaurant opening), French Memories, Legion, St. Stephens Church and South Shore Community Center. This completes one inspection for every food establishment for the first half of the year. A second round of inspections will be completed in the fall. One seasonal inspection for the Music Circus will take place in July. Mobile food trucks were also inspected for Hornstra Farms and Zack’s ice cream.
- Second round of beach sampling on Tuesday resulted in another high bacterial count for Sandy Beach. The resample collected on Wednesday was acceptable so the beach remains open. Unfortunately, the four relatively high results collected so far for Sandy Beach will result in a geomean exceedance next week. I will plan to collect a sample on Wednesday and deliver it to the lab and hopefully lower the overall geomean to keep the beach open. CSCR will also collect additional samples in the middle, left and right sides of the beach next week to see if there are any identifying trends. Our budget will pay for the additional testing.
- Michelle Leary is looking into purchasing a kiosk for Black Rock Beach that currently has no means to display information.
- Amy was on vacation so performed a lot of extra administrative work such as looking up Title 5 information for people and issuing permits for installers, etc.
- Spoke with both a Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) lawyer and a recommended Licensed Site Professional (LSP) regarding the authority to order a landowner to do an environmental site investigation. This is regarding 147 South Main Street, former autobody shop looking to redevelop the property and include residential apartments. Both parties confirmed that only MassDEP or a bank have the authority to order an environmental site investigation after a reported environmental release or request a due diligence investigation to require funding, respectively. Other boards in Cohasset concerned with the plans for this site have asked if the Board of Public Health could order a groundwater investigation, however, the BOPH does not have such authority.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending July 2, 2021

COVID-19:

- DPH call – In the United States the Delta variant accounts for 27% of all COVID cases; however, in Massachusetts and other state with high vaccine rates the rate is much lower.

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Encouraging vaccination remains the foundation for public health. Everyone should sign up for VAX Millions and register to win (5) \$1,000,000 prizes!

- Submitted paperwork to Massachusetts Health Officers Associated (MHOA) for the grant money that we received this year to help pay for COVID case investigation and contract tracing. This money helped offset some of the pay for Mary Whitley who supported Mary Goodwin.

NON-COVID-19:

- 216 Atlantic Avenue – Brian Joyce and I met a plumber at this address who was asked to fix an illegal toilet in a barn being used as a summer apartment on the property. The plumber disclosed that the toilet has likely been discharging directly to the ground behind the barn and potentially impacting Little Harbor located approximately 75' downgradient. Brian called a Cohasset Water Department employee who came out while we were onsite to shut off water access to the barn immediately. I spoke with the adult daughter in the main house to let her know that the toilet is illegal, and they need to properly connect to sewer. I sent the homeowner a formal letter via certified mail that includes instructions for applying for a sewer connection.
- Collected samples from Sandy Beach on Monday and Tuesday afternoon (contingency) and delivered them to the laboratory in Quincy to supplement the usual Tuesday morning sample collected by CSCR. Fortunately, both the Monday sample and the Tuesday morning sample were clean and the geomean for Sandy is now at an acceptable level. The high bacterial counts from the first two weeks of sampling may have been due to the thick mat of seaweed that covered the beach prior to the first week of sampling. All three beaches are currently open. Beach information has been posted to the town website.
- 147 South Main Street – the vacant former autobody shop is looking to redevelop the property into a mixed use of commercial/residential. I sent town representatives associated with planning and zoning a copy of MassDEP's COMM-97-001 Policy for management of excavated soils. This policy requires oversight by an environmental professional to assure that potentially contaminated soils are adequately characterized (chemically tested) before they are shipped off-site for disposal.
- Attended a virtual indoor air quality seminar focused on best practices for protecting indoor air in school buildings. Speakers were from the CDC and the EPA as well as Bureau of Education.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending July 9, 2021

COVID-19:

- DPH call – DPH announced free on-site mobile clinics available for any town for schools, workplaces, etc. Local health can make the request for any organization. Clinical trials are ongoing for children less than 12 years old. No timetable when they will be eligible, potentially in the fall. There is still no recommendation for booster shots at this time.
- Addressed and/or incorporated all of the comments received for a final draft of a Vaccination Clinic Dispensing Site document. Sent the final draft document to an administrative assistant to pull together a comprehensive document with cover page, table of contents and attachments.

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- Attended a virtual demonstration of a new software program titled Color. Color is going to replace the PrepMod program that we used for COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Color will be used for future flu clinics in the fall.
- Responded to swim coach at Scituate Racquet requesting latest information regarding mask wearing.

NON-COVID-19:

- Delivered beach samples to G&L lab in Quincy this week at their request (no pickup service available). The beaches and shoreline water were inundated with thick red mats of seaweed, however, the water results came back clean for all three beaches this week. (Photos of Sandy Beach are included).
- All public beaches are required to be “permitted” in Massachusetts with a permit prominently displayed. This week a message board display case on a post was purchased and installed at Black Rock Beach. A permit will be added, and any future beach closings will now be posted there.
- Participated in the interview process for three conservation agent candidates.
- Drafted a housing inspection letter on behalf of a resident at The Preserve (formerly Avalon). Resident complained of soot entering her unit from an air handling system. There was evidence of soot stains near a ceiling supply register and on the ceiling fan. A contractor hired by the tenant determined the source was a deteriorated fiber board causing fiberglass inside the lining of the board to blow into the unit. The tenant complained of nosebleeds that she only experienced living in her unit, but not while staying at other locations.
- Sent out ink signed forms pertaining to the Public Health Excellence grant that are due July 14th. Have not heard yet whether we have been approved.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending July 16, 2021

COVID-19:

- DPH call – Some breakthrough is occurring with vaccinated people testing positive. However, overall CDC is finding: (1) many people have underlying medical conditions, (2) people have a low viral load so unlikely to spread, and (3) people have mild illness, no death. There still is insufficient data to say whether a booster shot will be needed.

NON-COVID-19:

- Beach results for Sandy and Black Rock were acceptable. The result from Bassings was high enough to exceed both the maximum allowable limit and the geomean calculated from the last five samples. CSCR let us know that results were very high from samples they collected throughout the harbor. The harbor currently has very high turbidity from two weeks of rain events. Based on laboratory results and the high turbidity it was collectively decided (Health, CSCR, Harbor Master) to not collect additional samples until the water is less turbid next week. I asked CSCR to collect and analyze additional samples next week as a screening before we submit to G&L lab for our official results that are shared with the state DPH. All three beaches will be sampled on Tuesday as scheduled.
- John Hallin, building inspector, and I met with representatives from The Preserve (formerly Avalon). I hand delivered a letter ordering The Preserve to repair the venting system in an individual housing unit. The resident complained of soot entering her unit from an air

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handling system. There was evidence of soot stains near a ceiling supply register and on the ceiling fan. A contractor hired by the tenant determined the source was a deteriorated fiber board causing fiberglass inside the lining of the board to blow into the unit. This was later confirmed by John Hallin during a site visit. The tenant complained of nosebleeds that she only experienced living in her unit, but not while staying at other locations. I recommended that the tenant send two samples of soot to a laboratory for polarized light microscopy (PLM) which confirmed that fiberglass was detected in both samples. The laboratory evidence was helpful since the building maintenance manager strongly pushed back, but the local manager agreed with the findings, and they will begin repair work next week.

- Reviewed some of the septic plans for the July 27, 2021, Board of Public Health meeting.
- Created a summary table and sent it to Ron Menard that outlines where we stand with our online permitting system. Some food permits are acceptable, other sectors need some edits, and some sectors such as Animals have not been created. I sent him paper applications for those that have not been created.
- Inspected and permitted the Music Circus for their re-opening later this month.
- Inspected a new vendor that will be baking out of the Made in MA kitchen.
- The building inspector stopped work at 256 North Main Street. A septic plan had been approved by the Board of Public Health in 2020, however, the property has changed owners and they have changed the layout of the site. Before they can begin again, the property owners must go before the Zoning Board to get approval for two separate lots at this one location and receive approval for 2 separate addresses; get a signed agreement for a shared septic system signed by the 2 separate property owners; resubmit a septic plan that clearly shows the two separate property addresses (one lot has become two).

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

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 6/25/21

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 440

Total number of Probable cases: 87

Deaths: 4

Contacts traced: 391.

The Town's total two-week caseload is: 2.

The Town's two-week positive test rate is: 0.639% (313 total tests)

The Town's current color code is Grey.

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 assisting with case investigation and contact tracing.

Calls/Meetings:

Emergency Management Team meetings will not be held for the summer unless a situation arises. The plan is to meet again in September.

DPH call weekly on Tuesday.

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Mass DPH Maven updates – this call has been reduced to weekly on Tuesdays.

6/22/21 Met with Kelli Gildea, School Nurse Leader. Discussed recent protocols from DESE and how these will be applied to school in the fall. Plan to meet with her in August prior to school reopening.

6/23/21 Resampling of Sandy Beach pulled by Margaret Goodwin. Delivered the sample to G&L lab in Quincy.

6/24/21 Made a home visit to a resident for an assessment of an acute issue – advised to contact PCP.

6/24/21 Attended the Mass. Assoc. of Public Health Nurses annual meeting via Zoom. Presentations from Mass DPH's Immunization Unit Hepatitis B Program. Also discussed the importance of the Public Health Nurse role and how to best “tell our story.”

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 7/9/21

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 440

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% (314 total tests)

The Town's current color code is Grey.

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DPH call weekly on Tuesday.

The statewide average vaccination rate is 67.3% for at least 1 dose. Discussed ways to increase vaccination rates in towns. Mobile vaccination unit is available to towns for schools, businesses, and community events. More info at mass.gov/mobilevaccineform

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Mass DPH Maven call – call has been put on hold for the month of July and possibly will restart in August.

Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) Still accepting confirmed and probable cases for investigation. Contract expires the end of September.

Tickborne illnesses: In the past week have received 3 reports of Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis in Maven. None of the cases traveled during the incubation period.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Goodwin

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 7/16/21

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 440

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% (255 total tests)

The Town's current infection rate: No change

Investigation and Surveillance:

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Calls/Meetings:

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DPH call weekly on Tuesday.

The statewide average vaccination rate is 67.3% for at least 1 dose. The In-Home Vaccination Program is available to make home visits to any resident unable to get out to a clinic. Criteria to be eligible has been relaxed. Worked with Sunrise Assisted Living to coordinate a home visit for a resident who had been reluctant to be vaccinated. Their vaccination rate now for residents is 97%.

DESE – Working on guidance for the fall when schools reopen. At this point the CDC is recommending masks for unvaccinated people when inside. More to come.

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7/15/21 Participated in the Clutter Task Force meeting with Elder Affairs, Cohasset Police and Fire Departments. Discussed various situations of concern in town.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Goodwin

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The Town's two-week positive test rate is: 0.00% (246 total tests)

The Town's current infection rate: No change

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7/20/21 Met with Ted Carroll, Recreation Director, to discuss mask use in summer programs. Advised him that the current recommendation from the CDC is children over 2 years of age who are need vaccinated should be wearing a mask when indoors. He will reinforce with parents and staff.

7/21/21 Began an investigation of a case of anaplasmosis

7/21/21 Picked up the Bassing Beach sample from Jack Buckley and delivered to G&L Lab in Quincy

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Goodwin

MOTION BY:

Ms. Doxey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

SECONDED BY:

Dr. Pollastri

VOTE:

3-0 MOTION CARRIED