



Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting: 09-13-2023/ 6:00PM / Room 120 (Land Use Meeting Room)

Members Present John Sullivan, Robert Barrell, Christopher Whelan

Members NOT Present Thomas Mullins, Tracy Gagnon

Invited Guests Soloe Dennis, Director of Public Health CMRPHA
Devon Thornton, Environmental Health Coordinator
Amelia Houghton, Public Health Nurse
Karina Scott, Shared Services Coordinator

Welcome – Call to Order Time: 6:00PM by Chair Dr. Sullivan

Dr. Sullivan opened up the meeting by stating the administrative assistant is unavailable tonight because of illness, along with two board members. Dr. Sullivan states the approval of minutes will be put on hold.

The meeting for the Emergency Dispensing Site was on 09/13/2023, and Dr. John Sullivan and Fire Chief Mark Sadowski attended via Zoom.

Dr. Sullivan speaks of data received from the sewage reports. 80% of the variants detected in the most recent data is XBB. The XBB variant is the same variant used for the latest Covid booster. Dr. Sullivan states monitoring the sewage reports will prove to be very useful in the coming months.

Bob Barrell speaks on the Emergency Dispensing Site, listing its current and proposed location.

- **Central MA Regional Health Alliance**

Soloe Dennis introduces Ian Wong, Amelia Houghton, Devon Thornton and Emma.

Amelia Houghton speaks on the Flu Clinic proposal. Ms. Houghton has confirmed there will be a Flu Clinic scheduled in the coming days. Ms. Houghton states there is very little Flu and some Covid cases. Bob Barrell asks if there are Covid test kits available to be distributed to the residents this year. Ms. Houghton states that if there is an outbreak, we are able to reach out to the state, but at this time, there is not Covid test kits available.

Soloe Dennis reports on twelve health inspections conducted with no violations found. Mr. Dennis mentions the first Regional Alliance meeting with three Town Administrators under the Central MA

Regional Health Alliance will be held to discuss the best practices next week.

Mr. Dennis states that Environmental Specialist (Title 5), Phil Leger, has just renewed his contract with the Health Alliance for another 12 months. The Alliance was asked to provide Title 5 reports moving forward.

Dr. John Sullivan speaks on West Nile Virus and EEE in the West Boylston area. Dr. Sullivan notes safe practices while outside during or after dusk.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting Adjourned at 6:18PM

Bob Barrell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Whelan. All in favor.

Signatures

John Sullivan, MD , Chair

Christopher Whelan, MEd

Tracy Gagnon, MEd, Vice Chair

Thomas F. Mullins, MD

Robert J. Barrell, MPA