

BOARD OF HEALTH
January 10, 2022, 4:00 pm
Remote Zoom Meeting

Present: Cathy Donaghey, Chair
Jennifer Infurna, Member

Maureen Pimentel, Member
Jennifer Murphy, Director

Meeting opened at 4:00 pm, C. Donaghey, Chair.

1. Minutes Reviewed from meetings on September 7, 13 & 27, 2022. Motion by C. Donaghey, seconded by M. Pimentel, to accept minutes as is. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
2. Public Comment. The following residents participated in Public Comment:

Greg Sawicki, Stephen McCabe, Stephen Boksanski and Pamela Cort. Public comment closed.
3. Coalition for a Safer Community. Dot Butler gave a detailed recap and update on programs/events of the Coalition.
4. COVID Update. J. Murphy reviewed the current COVID data, which was updated since her presentation at the Select Board meeting on January 5, 2022. There are currently 498 official positive cases; >10 positive cases thru WPS testing; >200 student self-reported, and countless unknown or unreported cases. Winchester population vaccination data was reviewed. Current guidelines for people who have been exposed to COVID or have tested positive were presented.

There were 987 people tested in December at the Health Department's 6 public clinics. 736 people have been tested at our two public clinics in January so far, and two free clinics per week will continue thru January. Surveillance testing is continuing thru WPS, and to date there have been over 9,000 tests. On January 5th a booster clinic was held for 16 years old and older, clinics for 12 years and older will be held on January 24 and 31.
5. Mask Mandate Review. A discussion of the current mask mandate took place, and all Board Members were in agreement that no changes would be made at this time.
6. Proof of Vaccination Mandate. The possibility of a possible Proof of Vaccination Mandate was discussed. It was determined that such a mandate would be too burdensome of the community, and no vote took place.

Next meeting will be held on January 25, 2022.

Meeting closed at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Cathy Donaghey, Chair

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