

BOARD OF HEALTH
March 24, 2022, 4:30 pm
Waterfield Room

Present: Ruth Trimarchi, Chair
Greg Sawicki, Member

Maureen Pimentel, Member
Jennifer Murphy, Director

Meeting opened at 4:30 pm, M. Pimentel.

1. Re-organization of the Board. Motion by G. Sawicki, seconded by R. Trimarchi, that R. Trimarchi be voted as Board Chair. M. Pimentel commented for the record that although not unexpected, it is unprecedented and does not believe that there has been a Chair with no previous experienced on a Board. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Motion made by G. Sawicki, seconded by R. Trimarchi, that M. Pimentel be voted as Vice Chair. After discussion, it was decided that the Motion would not go forward. On a new Motion by R. Trimarchi, seconded by M. Pimentel, that G. Sawicki be voted in as Vice Chair. Motion passed with unanimous vote.
2. Review Minutes. Minutes from November 8 (previously approved), December 14 and 23, 2021, and February 17, 2022, were approved by M. Pimentel. R. Trimarchi and G. Sawicki abstained from vote.
3. Public Comment. The following had public comment:

Yaping Zhang, 51 Vine St; John ?, Arlington, Pamela Cort, 112 Arlington St; Judah Phillips, 26 Oneida Rd; Susan DeLeo, 24 Taft Dr; Erika Hoffman, 7 Fairlane Ter; George Steinberg, Perkins St; Monica Ross, Ridge St; Michael Burns, 33 Kenwin Rd; Shara Stone, 17 Lochwan St; Christina Ronan, 129 Cambridge St; Paul Goodrich, 4 Lockeland Rd.

Multiple emails were sent in for Public Comment. Public Comment Closed.
4. Meeting Schedule 2022. Meetings will be held every two weeks for the time being with further review at a later date. Next meeting will be held Monday, March 28, 2022, at 4:30 pm.
5. Collaboration with Other Boards. G. Sawicki recommended collaborating with other Boards, and proposed a reach out to the School Committee. M. Pimentel noted that she has participated in and reported back to this Board many School Committee Meetings and J. Murphy is in close contact with the School Committee. R. Trimarchi recommended collaborating with several boards, committees and the Council on Aging.
6. J. Murphy noted that in the re-organization there is a vote with several pieces that needs to occur and can take place with one Motion and vote. Complete Motion (attached to these minutes) read in full by J. Murphy. Motion by R. Trimarchi, seconded by G. Sawicki. Motion passed with unanimous vote.
7. Director's Report.

Upcoming Events:

- Be Tick Smart Symposium with speaker Larry Dapsis will be held on April 13 at 7:00 pm on zoom
- Tick Testing is available to residents at a reduced cost at tickreport.com using code WINHOSP
- Medication Take Bake Day, April 30, 10 am – 2 pm
- Household Hazardous Waste Day, May 7, 9 am – 12 pm

- COVID Vaccination clinics will be held on April 11, 4:30 – 6:00 pm, ages 5+ at the High School Cafeteria and April 21, 9 – 10:30 am, ages 12+ at the Jenks Center (booster only)
 - Testing Clinics will be held on April 14, 3-4 pm and April 25, 5-6 pm, free of charge
- Farmer's Market coming back in June, and the Health Dept. is producing a guidance document for vendors

COVID Update. Current COVID data was presented and COVID Dashboard was reviewed. It was noted that the current positivity rate is 2.78%, which is the highest of surrounding communities. COVID death data was reviewed, and Winchester has 34 official COVID attributable deaths. Vaccination and testing totals from 2021 were presented. The last of the testing kits were distributed at the voting polls, with a few kits left at the Health Dept.

Coalition for a Safer Community. D. Butler gave an informative summary of recent and upcoming programs provided by the Coalition and all will be listed on the web page.

Motion by G. Sawicki, and seconded by M. Pimentel, to close the meeting at 5:30 pm. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ruth Trimarchi, Chair

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**Board of Health
Reorganization Meeting
March 24, 2022
4:30 pm**

Present: Maureen Pimentel
Gregory Sawicki, MD

Ruth Trimarchi
Jennifer Murphy, Health Director

Director of Public Health, Jennifer Murphy called the Reorganization Meeting to order 4:30 pm.

On a motion by R. Trimarchi, seconded by G. Sawicki, it was moved and seconded that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 27 of the Massachusetts General Laws, voted to organize and elect R. Trimarchi as Chair and G. Sawicki as Vice Chair.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 30 of the Massachusetts General Laws voted to appoint Jennifer Murphy as its Director ("Agent").

Moved and seconded, that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 30 of the Massachusetts General Laws, voted to appoint Catherine Celler, M.D. as the Board of Health Physician.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 129, Section 15 of the Massachusetts General Laws, voted to appoint Edward O'Connell as Inspector of Animals, subject to the approval of the Director of Animal Health, Department of Agriculture.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 30 of the Massachusetts General Laws, vote to appoint its agent/Director J. Murphy or, any Board Member to act for the Board of Health in case of an emergency if the Board cannot conveniently assemble and in each case, shall within forty eight (48) hours report the action to the full Board for its approval and each shall be directly responsible to the full Board under the direction and control of the Board members collectively.

Moved and seconded, that the Board of Health, acting in accordance with Chapter 114, Section 45 of the Massachusetts General Laws, appoint the following individuals to be authorized to issue burial permits: Jennifer Murphy, Director, Regina Capone, Administrative Secretary, Karen DaCampo, Public Health Nurse, and any person authorized by the Dept. of Public Health.

Moved and seconded that the Board, acting in accordance with Chapter 111, Section 113 of the Massachusetts General Laws, voted to appoint the Director of Public Health, Public Health Nurse and Administrative Secretary to give notice to the State Department of Public Health of all diseases dangerous to the public health occurring in Winchester.

Motion made by R. Trimarchi to accept the provisions as moved, seconded by G. Sawicki. Unanimous Vote.

Motion by R. Trimarchi, seconded by G. Sawicki, to close reorganization meeting. Unanimous Vote.
Meeting closed at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Murphy, Director of Public Health

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