

BOARD OF HEALTH
April 12, 2022, 4:00 pm
Mystic Valley Room

Present: Ruth Trimarchi, Chair
Greg Sawicki, Member
Heather von Mering, Guest
Maureen Pimentel, Member
Jennifer Murphy, Director

Meeting opened at 4:00 pm, R. Trimarchi, Chair.

1. Town Meeting Report. M. Pimentel will present the Board of Health report at Town Meeting.
2. Board of Health Public Comment Policy & Procedures. R. Trimarchi presented a proposed Public Comment Policy. Motion by G. Sawicki, seconded by M. Pimentel, to adopt the proposed policy at presented. Motion passed with unanimous vote.
3. Director's Report. J. Murphy gave detailed updates on: current trends in COVID Data, including surveillance data for waste water for the MWRA North System, review of dashboard data, current positivity rate 3.66%, a review of State data and upcoming vaccination and testing clinics; Upcoming food events; Current permitting of Keeping of Animals, Pools and Camps; Geese control renewal and Avian Influenza flyer; FinCom approval of Health Dept. budget; Reclassification of Health Inspector; Tick Talk via Zoom on Wednesday; Medication Take Back Day & Household Hazardous Waste Day.
4. Consideration of COVID Mitigation Plan for Spring Town Meeting. Town Moderator Heather von Mering discussed Town Meeting's COVID mitigation plan for Spring Town Meeting. A discussion took place with Board members and Ms. von Mering, and a proposed Board of Health Mitigation Strategy Plan was presented and discussed. Vote on hold until after Public Comment Section of meeting.
5. New & Old Business will be addressed after Public Comment.
6. Public Comment. The following people participated: Maura Sullivan, 28 Stone Ave. Pamela Cort, 112 Arlington St. Meredith Mason-Crowley, 10 Hinds Rd. Public Comment closed.
7. Return to Consideration of COVID Mitigation Plan for Spring Town Meeting. Motion by G. Sawicki, seconded by R. Trimarchi, to adopt the proposed Board of Health Mitigation Strategy Plan for Spring Town Meeting. Vote: G. Sawicki – Yes, M. Pimentel – No, due to #7 of plan, R. Trimarchi – Yes. Motion passed with a 2 – 1 vote.
8. Return to New & Old Business. No items to discuss.

Motion by G. Sawicki, seconded by R. Trimarchi, to adjourn. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting closed at 5:45.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ruth Trimarchi, Chair

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PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the Board of Health will be open to the public. Executive sessions will be held only as prescribed by the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Board of Health welcomes members of the public to attend its meetings so that they may become better acquainted with the work of the Board. In addition, the Board welcomes comments from the public.

To facilitate public comment and to ensure the ability of the Board to conduct business in an orderly manner, the following rules and procedures are adopted:

1. Individuals or group representatives will be invited to address the Board during a designated 'Public Comment' time on the Agenda. The Chair shall determine the length of the public participation segment.
2. Speakers will state their names and complete address for the record.
3. Speakers will be allowed two minutes to present their material. The presiding Chair may permit extension of this time limit.
4. Topics for comment must be limited to those items listed on the Board of Health meeting Agenda for that meeting.
5. All remarks will be addressed through the Chair of the meeting.
6. Speakers may offer such objective criticisms of the Board of Health policies or areas of work as concern them, but in public session the Board will not hear complaints about Health Department personnel. Under most circumstances, administrative channels are the proper means for disposition of legitimate complaints involving personnel.
7. Written comments may be presented to the Board and must be received by noon of the day preceding the meeting for the Board members' review and consideration at an appropriate time.

Reference: Mass. Gen. Laws, Chapter 30A: Section 20 (f). Regulation of participation by public in open meetings: *"No person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the chair, and all persons shall, at the request of the chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting of a public body. If, after clear warning from the chair, a person continues to disrupt the proceedings, the chair may order the person to withdraw from the meeting and if the person does not withdraw, the chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person from the meeting."*

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH: APRIL 12, 2022

SPRING TOWN MEETING COVID MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN TO BE INSERTED