

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**May 9, 2022, 4:30 pm**  
**Remote Zoom Meeting**

Present: Ruth Trimarchi, Chair  
Greg Sawicki, Vice Chair  
Ken Pruitt, Sustainability Director, Guest

Maureen Pimentel, Member  
Jennifer Murphy, Director

Meeting opened at 4:30 pm, R. Trimarchi, Chair.

1. Heat Response Strategy. The goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase community resilience. "Winchester Heat Response Strategy" presentation given by Ken Pruitt, Sustainability Director. Motion by R. Trimarchi, seconded by G. Sawicki, to have the Board of Health endorse the Town of Winchester Heat Response Strategy, dated 03/10/22, and will collaborate where appropriate to implement the heat mitigation actions outlined in the Strategy. Motion passed with unanimous vote.
2. Review minutes of Jan. 10, 25, March 15, 24, & 28, April 12, 22, and May 2, 2022. Motion by R. Trimarchi, seconded by G. Sawicki, to approve all reviewed minutes. Minutes from Jan. 10 – March 15, 2022, were approved by M. Pimentel only, as the Chair and Vice Chair were not on the Board at the time of the meetings. Minutes from March 24 – May 2, 2022, passed with unanimous vote.
3. Public Comment. There were no participants.
4. Director's Report. J. Murphy gave the following updates:
  - Household Hazardous took place this past Saturday, May 7, 2022
  - Current COVID activity: It was noted that there has been an increase in cases this week. Middlesex County has been identified as "high risk," due to the number of cases and current hospitalizations. CDC is recommending indoor masking for everyone.
  - Schools are closely monitoring cases, and Dr. Hackett sent out a letter to parents last night.
  - As a reminder for students returning after isolation, they MUST wear a mask on days 6-10.
5. Consideration for Town Meeting. After a discussion, no motion was made, mask mandate stays in place for Town Meeting.
6. Consideration of BOH Goals. A discussion took place regarding setting goals for the Board and it was determined to be a work in progress and will be revisited at a later date.
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business: 1) Discussed that the Board has already heard of additional COVID mitigation efforts that the schools are engaged in. There is concern about the case numbers released this week and over the past weekend. 2) Additional COVID mitigation suggestion of temporary "tent" structures for the schools to help make easier situations around ventilation by being outdoors. A discussion was held and it was determined that these structures were purchased by most, if not all, schools in 2021. 3) J. Murphy reminded people that the elderly population is bearing the brunt of this disease. All people over 65 that have officially tested positive are being called by the Case Manager to have important informational conversations. Anyone over 65 that tests positive at home with an antigen test can call the Health Dept. to receive the same information.
9. Adjournment. A Motion made by R. Trimarchi, seconded by G. Sawicki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed, unanimous vote.

Meeting closed at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ruth Trimarchi, Chair

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