

**PRESENT:**

Kathleen F. Bishop, Chairman  
Joan M Jacobs, Member  
Carolyn Riccardi, Member  
Sigalle Reiss, Director  
Angelo De Luca, Sanitarian  
Jennifer Bartucca, Administrative Assistant  
Nicholas Crowninshield, Public Health Nurse  
Francesca Golighly, Program Coordinator

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 22, 2021**

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of June 22, 2021.

Vote: Unanimous

**2. NEW BUSINESS****2a) Regional Grant Summary****Public Health Excellence Grant****Local Health Contract Tracing Grant**

The Public Health Excellence grant is state funded and is expected to be long-term to support communities build capacity in local public health. The Local Health Contract tracing grant is federal funds specifically for contact tracing COVID-19. This is a short term 2-year grant to provide local public health with the infrastructure to handle all contact tracing. Each grant is \$300,000 per year for a total of \$600,000 per year to fund regional positions. The positions will provide services to seven communities: Norwood, Walpole, Dedham, Westwood, Wellesley, Milton, and Canton. This will bring two Epidemiologists, two Public Health Associates/Contact Tracers and one Community Resource Coordinator to work for the region.

**2b) Flu Clinic Schedule**

Flu clinics have been scheduled for the senior housing complexes and the first responders. More clinics will be added once all the vaccine is received. Clinics will be smaller than normal to maintain social distancing and will be by appointment only.

**2c) Household Hazardous Waste Day –September 25th**

Household Hazardous Waste/Recycling Day will be held on Saturday September 25th. It will run from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the recycling facility located at 370 Winter Street. No leaf or brush disposal will be collected.

**3. OLD BUSINESS****3a) Public Health Nurse Report**

The Health Department is giving 3<sup>rd</sup> doses of Moderna vaccine to people that are immune-compromised and the next two clinics are Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The booster campaign, where an additional dose would be administered to the general public, has not yet begun and we are awaiting further guidance from the state and federal governments on this.

**3b) Impact Norwood Program Director Report**

The Health Department was awarded the Mental Health Awareness Training grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. The award is for \$125,000 per year, for five years, to implement a mental health awareness training program. Francesca Golighly will be joining the Department full time in this position.

### **3c) Sanitarian Report:**

#### **New Food Establishment Report**

RoJo's, Norwood Pizza & Grill, Norwood Golden Bull Restaurant, Friendly's, 1947 Norwood and Spot have opened since the last Board Meeting. Hessco at Nahatan Village, Carrot Top Confections and Masa have submitted paperwork to the Health Department but have not opened yet.

**China Rama:** They have contracted with a food safety consultant until October 10<sup>th</sup>. Sanitarian will conduct another inspection before next meeting.

**Cedar Market:** Plan of action was received by Sanitarian. Progress is slow but cold and hot holding issues have been corrected. Sanitarian will conduct another inspection before the next meeting.

**Launch Trampoline Park:** Manager was certified and certificates are posted.

**Benchmark Senior Living:** Sanitarian will follow up to see if certificates have been updated.

**Sam's Ice Cream:** Did not have signs on both side of the truck, Sanitarian will speak to them.

**Daddy's Dairy:** No soap or paper towels, written warning was issued. All items corrected at re-inspection.

**Perks:** Sanitarian will follow up with owner to make sure items have been removed from receiving area.

**Golden Abacus:** Unit was fixed at re-inspection and was working properly.

### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **4a) COVID Update**

The Town currently has 72 Covid cases in a two week period. An updated data sheet is posted on the Town website every Friday. 70% of Norwood residents are fully vaccinated.

#### **4b) EnerGov Update**

The Town launched a new permitting and licensing program in August called EnerGov. The program will integrate with the finance and accounting system under the current Tyler systems. All licenses will be applied for and renewed online. Applicants can access the online portal on the Town website under "Licenses and Permits". The Health Department will be sending a letter informing their license holders with their license renewal notification.

#### **4c) FEMA Public Assistance**

As part of the COVID emergency declaration the Town is eligible to apply to FEMA public assistance. The Health Department has administered the application process. Along with the Schools, Accounting, and Manager's office we have applied for about \$640,000 in reimbursements for cost associated with the COVID response and more project claims are pending.

### **5. BOARD'S AGENDA**

### **6. NEXT MEETINGS**

October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30AM

November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30AM

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 AM