

Meeting minutes

January 11, 2022

Members present: Paul Mazzuchelli, Chairman and Leonard Izzo, Member

Others present: Jacquelyn Murphy, Director of Public Health, Hannah Tavares, Health Inspector, Ian Haire, Intern from Liberty University, Michael Walsh, Chairman Board of Selectman and Lisa Tamagni, Minute Clerk

COVID-19 Update

Jackie updated the board with the Town's COVID-19 positive count as of this week currently we have 931 residents test positive from 1/1/2022 – 1/11/2022. In the month of December, the total positive was 951. The Omicron Variant along with the holidays and indoor gatherings has driven our percentage rate to 25% positivity. Jackie mention that she is seeing a slow in cases, but it could be due to the slow turn around time of PCR testing.

Mask Mandate

Michael Walsh, chairman board of Selectman asked about implanting a mask mandate in the town with local businesses and establishments. Jackie agreed with Mike that in theory we would support a mandate, but it is also very challenging for a small office to enforce. It's difficult to compare our board of health with those in larger municipalities. Their ratio of full-time employees to residents or to establishments is much different from ours. We have four full time employees and 30,000+ residents from incredibly diverse backgrounds. A mask mandate would be very difficult for our office to upkeep to an already depleted office staff. Paul Mazzuchelli, chairman would like the Board of Health to send out a email to all restaurants and establishment to strongly recommend that they implement their own mask mandates.

MetroWest Health Leadership Program

Hannah Tavares, Health Inspector talked about her acceptance into a Health Leadership Program. The course to learn enhance the leadership skills of area health staff so that they can increase health capacity of their agencies and improve community health. The group will be meeting once a month beginning in February and ending in June. The agenda is not finalized yet.

Paul would like her to come back to another meeting once she gets going to update the board. He would be interested in a program to help Milford with its international population to help educate on the town policies and procedures.

Ian Haire – Noise Study presentation

Ian Haire is currently pursuing his MPH from Liberty University. Ian was working with Jackie with an internship with the Milford Board of Health.

Ian presentation to the board:

Environmental noise measurement of commercial areas within Milford, MA during peak and off-peak hours. The three locations that were monitored were Industrial Road – Amazon Warehouse, National Street – Amazon Warehouse and Lucky Dog on Sumner Street. He measured sounds from different

distances and times throughout several months at different times of the day with two types of noise detection devices.

Conclusion: Lucky Dog – is in violation of Milford by-laws Article 14A – which states: Animal Noises, the keeping of any animal or bird which, by causing frequent or long continued noise, shall disturb the reasonable comfort or response of any identified person.

Personal recommendation – add more fencing or natural coverings around the perimeter such as trees/shrubs to help reduce the sound.⁹

Board of Health Positions

Full TIME nurse – we would like to move out from using the VNA. And have our own public health nurse. These times have proven that we need to have a dedicated nurse in Office.

Sanitation Coordinator - Paul explained our troubles faced with rubbish and recycling complaints. Maybe have Scott DPW – move the trash out of the board of health. It's a distraction. Paul and Lenny agreed to go ahead with the job descriptions – vote on them at next meeting.

Shared Service Group – Hudson

Gives Milford access to many different resources to help assist when needed. We have access to the following professional in our field if and when needed with all expenses of their services being covered under the shared services grant.

- NURSE
- Health Inspector
- Contact Tracing
- 2 epidemiologists
- Pool inspector

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Lisa Tamagni, Minute Clerk