

BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Remote Meeting via Zoom Video

PRESENT

Health Agent: Bruce Wilson, Jr.
Chairperson: Patricia Leclair
Vice Chairperson: Kelly McGovern
Member: Vincent Forte, Jr.
Tobacco Agent: Robert Griffin III
Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Leclair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021 meeting, as submitted.
Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

CORONA VIRUS UPDATES:

Health Agent, Bruce Wilson, Jr. gave an update on the COVID-19 cases in Town. The number of active cases has been decreasing over these past few weeks. Mr. Wilson told Board members that he has been in contact with the State regarding vaccines for the two Housing Authority locations in Town. 200 Vaccines are being shipped to the Town to vaccinate the residents of Wrentham Manor on March 15th and residents of Depot Court on March 16th. The Town will not be receiving additional vaccines other than those for the Housing Authority.

For more information and updates on COVID-19, please check the State website at [Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) and the Town website at [BellinghamMA.org](https://www.bellinghamma.org).

NEW BUSINESS

CANCER CONCERNS

Ms. Renaud notified Board members that she has been in contact with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding cancer statistics. An epidemiologist is looking into this information and will send it to the office. Ms. Renaud will forward this information to Board members when it is received. The Board would like to keep this discussion on their list of goals to see if an intern might be something the Department can consider in the future and if grants might be available for the purpose of hiring an intern.

TOBACCO AGENT UPDATES

Tobacco Agent, Robert Griffin III, told Board members that he is still working with other local communities regarding the sale of CBD Products and requirements that fall under the new State Law for CBD product sales. Mr. Griffin said the other Towns he is working with are all adopting the same policy that was previously sent over from MAHB (Massachusetts Association of Health Boards) Attorney, Cheryl Sbarra. More details on the policy and procedures will be available over the coming weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE

EMPLOYEE CALENDARS

An employee calendar for the month March was reviewed by the Board.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES

NEW AND PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS

The Board discussed new and previous complaints that have come into the Board of Health office since the last meeting, held on February 9, 2021.

BETTERMENT LOANS

AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT

Mr. Wilson let Board members know that his is working on the Authorization Affidavit with Town Counsel and will have a draft for review at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Forte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin

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NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 16, 2021 AT 7:00 PM