



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

BOARD OF HEALTH

Elaine M. Silva, Chair
Candace Linehan
Laurel Skinder Gourville

PRESENT: Elaine Silva, Chair
Candace Linehan, Vice Chair
Laurel Gourville, Secretary
Ruth L. Clay, Health Director

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mike Carraggi,
The Patch Newspaper

----- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

The Wakefield Board of Health held their monthly meeting remotely on Wednesday, March 17th, 2021.

Call to Order Chairperson Silva called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Participation No public comment 07:01 pm

Approval of Minutes Gourville moved to approve the minutes of as February 18th 2021, as submitted seconded by Linehan. Motion passed 3- 0-0. Gourville yes, Linehan yes, Silva yes.

Linehan moved to approve the minutes of February 11th^h, 2021, as submitted seconded by Gourville. Motion passed 3-0-0. Linehan yes, Gourville yes, Silva yes

Health Directors Report

- Covid Cases are increasing in Wakefield and state wide. Clay said cases are more household cases and one business cluster.
- The last public covid vaccination clinic is Friday 3/19 for second shots. 414 people are registered. 10 homebound vaccination tomorrow and 40 at Harts Hill on 3/25.
- The new Mass.gov/Covidvaccine pre-registration system seems to be working well, making it much easier to signup for a vaccination appointment. The system places you in a queue based on your eligibility. They will call, email or text you when they have appointments available. Pre-mod is being phased out this new system is called Color. Local health departments are



also being phased out of clinics. The Governor has announced in April, MA should be getting more vaccine.

- Silva reports vaccination information/records from PrepMod will be put into MIIS.
- MDPH has published updated guidance for recreation camps.
- The state website can now display how many people in MA are vaccinated by zip code.
- Clay is writing a new shared services grant due on April 1st for the Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition (Stoneham, Melrose, Wakefield, Malden, Medford and Winchester).The grant is \$300,000 per year for 3 years based out of Wakefield. The proposal includes hiring 3 full time positions, 1 grant coordinator, 1 health inspector and 1 media communications/outreach position.
- Town Counselor Tom Mullen will be taking action with Briggs property Management for Terrace Condo on 3 Richardson ST for failure to pay the late fine for their 2021 dumpster permit. We are also having a town department meeting in April, that would include the building department, conservation, health, town administrator, police and fire departments regarding 383 Water St .
- Gourville spoke on attending Wake-up's coalition meeting yesterday. She spoke highly of the YATLS including the recent mental health survey one member had done amongst her peers. Clay also mentioned that one of the YATLS have been with the team since 7th grade and is now graduating High School.
- Gourville noted the increasing problem with litter caused by nips. Clay noted that Chelsea has an ordinance banning the sale of sips and has been challenged in court. Clay will request the Town Counsel to investigate how the lawsuit is progressing
- The Behavioral Health grant that was awarded of \$14000. will have to be approved by Melrose City Council. Kara Showers will be working 4 hours/week on this grant

**Business which
has arisen since
the posting of
the meeting**

None

**Materials
Distributed**

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes from February 18th, 2021
3. Draft Minutes from February 11th 2021
4. Covid Cases Spreadsheet
5. Wakefield vaccine doses

6. Health Directors report

Next meeting will be Wednesday April 21st 2021 @ 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 07:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cindy Luongo".

Cindy Luongo
Administrative Assistant