



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

BOARD OF HEALTH

Candace Linehan, Chair
Laurel Skinder Gourville

PRESENT: Elaine Silva, Health Director
Candace Linehan, Chair
Laurel Gourville, Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT:

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

The Wakefield Board of Health held their monthly meeting remotely on Wednesday, June 14th, 2021.

Call to Order Chairperson Linehan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Public Participation None

Approval of Minutes Gourville moved to approve the minutes of May 19th 2021, as submitted seconded by Linehan. Motion passed 2-0 Gourville yes, Linehan yes

Re-Organization of BOH Elaine Silva has submitted her letter of resignation from the Chair of BOH to the Town Council. Gourville has requested the letter to be sent to the board. Silva will be the interim Health Director from June 1st till September until a new Health director is hired. The Melrose and Wakefield health department has hired a new nurse Melissa Lowry to replace Karen Cronin. Lowry started on June 7th and will be training with Karen Cronin until her last day on June 30th. Gourville is recommending we hold the order of re-organizing the board and Candace Linehan will become the new chair and Gourville will be Vice Chair. Gourville motions to re-organize the BOH with Linehan as Chair and Gourville as Vice chair and secretary as vacant seconded by Linehan. Motion passed 2.0. Gourville yes, Linehan yes.

Emergency Order Gourville motions to rescind the Wakefield board of health emergency order of March 18 2020, order to terminate at 12:01 tonight to be in line with the Governors emergency COVID 19 order 69. Seconded by Linehan motion passed 2.0. Gourville yes, Linehan yes.

Health Directors Report

- Silva gave the Wakefield's Covid-19 vaccination numbers to the BOH. 3786 administered and 54 homebound. The homebound is not in longer with the local



health dept. People can call 833-983-0485 with the state to make an appoint with the Mobil vaccination unit.

- Six Tobacco violations were given. Two of the 6 violations are 7- day suspension and a \$2000 fine for a second violation. Certified letters were mailed to the Tobacco permit holders that were fined today. Three of the stores have a first violation and a \$1000 fine, one store was given a warning. The second violations and suspension will be able to appeal the 7- day suspension only not the fine as long as they write the BOH requesting a hearing.
- Wakefield Grants spreadsheet sent to the BOH. One of the new grants is the Public Health Excellence grant of \$300,000 per year The Health directors from the Mystic valley public coalition are meeting tomorrow to discuss the positions for this new grant. 3 people will be hired for the new PHE grant, a grant coordinator, a health inspector and a part communications position. MVPH coalition is Medford, Malden Winchester, Stoneham, Melrose and Wakefield.
- In person meetings are being discussed. Town Council is meeting tonight.
- Masking is up to the individual businesses. Masks will still be required in schools un till the end of school year, public transportation and health settings.

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

None

**Materials
Distributed**

1. Agenda
2. Draft minutes from May 21st, 2021
3. March 18, 2020 minutes of emergency order
4. Tobacco Violation letters
5. PHE Grant Municipality commitment letter
6. Wakefield Grant Spreadsheet

Next meeting July 21 2021 @ 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 07:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Cindy Luongo
Administrative Assistant

