

MEETING MINUTES

January 18th, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Candace Linehan called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Attendance: Candace Linehan Chair; Laurel Skinder Gourville, Vice-Chair, Elaine Silva secretary

Administration Present: Cindy Luongo, Board of Health Clerk, Anthony Chui, Health Director Melrose and Wakefield, Erin Carleo Wakefield/Melrose Senior Environmental Health Specialist, Inspector Daniel Thompson for Wakefield Health department, Michael Carlino and Thomas Bilbilian PHE grant inspectors, Melissa Lowry Public Health Nurse for Wakefield and Melrose.

Public Engagement: Farmland owners, Mino Pellegrini, Rose Pellegrini and Caterina Benitez, Student liason Alla Othman. Wakefield residents, Jeff Cortell, Jacqueline Sorrentino and Public participation closes.

Approval of minutes of November 16th 2022: Gourville motions to accept minutes, seconded by Silva motion passed by roll call vote 3 o o.

Farmland 411 Main Street : Health Inspector Daniel Thompson spoke about the and last inspection on January 3rd which had several critical violations. They have since retained a food consultant to help with compliance and education. Dan said as of yesterday, they have corrected all violations with just the dishwasher still needing to be fixed. This also included having a ServSafe class for staff 10/14 employees and they have been certified. They have submitted a IPM plan (integrated pest management) , SOP, logs, date markings, and more. The inspections will now be on a 3-month basis. The consultant will be working closely with the employees they will have a learning curve and will need time to get used to all the procedures. Mino said it's an old building and there are some challenges but will think about making some changes. Carleo said they should be logging and testing the dishwasher. Gourville thanked them for their quick attention to this. Silva said this business is frequented by people from other towns and if a Food Bourne illness gets out to another community this could end up on the news. BOH chair Linehan said they have given something to their employees by having this extra training.

Health Directors Report:

Anthony Chui give a wrap-up of flu clinics
There will be one last clinic on January 26th at Town Hall Wakefield from gam-4pm.
High-dose and regular-dose vaccines are available.

Melrose and Wakefield gave 1523 vaccinations this season.

Gourville requested we get information from the state possibly MIRS for the vaccination numbers from the pharmacies in Wakefield.

Public Health Nurse Melissa Lowry gave the walk-in clinics that happened at 5 Common numbers with around 92 people

PHN Melissa Lowry is also monitoring other cases in MAVEN, Ebola, monkeypox, and mumps cases. IN MASS vaccination rate is 96.5 % the gold standard is 95% . We are seeing a number of immigrant children that are not vaccinated that we are trying to capture.

Anthony Chui said we are working on metrics for the department, we are very much caught up thanks to all the hard work that Dan is putting in and also Erin doing most of the housing.

The PHE trainees Thomas Bilbilian and Michael Carlino are still training with Erin and Dan, doing some solo food and housing inspections. There is still another year left on the PHE grant.

MHOA Grant led by Kara Showers, includes Melrose, Wakefield, Stoneham, and Lynnfield it is for \$12000 for 6 months. Open space initial assessment Kara will do most of the work between January and end of June

We have been awarded the NEHA/Naccho grant for Melrose and Wakefield this will be an assessment of where we are in the retail standards. We will use the grant to hire a consultant to do the assessment.

Laurel Gourville gave a Mental Health update and CBHC (community behavioral health center)

Wakeup: Diversion programs for kids that are vaping and understanding the trends and nicotine addiction in kids.

Health Director Anthony Chui spoke about a middle school diversion program in both Melrose and Wakefield starting to see younger and younger kids using nicotine.

Amy Chiaravalloti is the interim director at WAAV . Crystal Johnson Director of MAVE Melrose Healthy relations program and WAAV together.

Nurses Elaine Silva and Melissa Lowry attended The Stop the bleed training. Plans for a CPR course in the near future.

Alla Othman the YAT representative, Alla said the team voted at the last Youth council team approving the delayed school start time.

Candace Linehan the BOH chair said she will be meeting with the school committee and sub-committee to support YAT member Alexis and the presentation she will give to the committees. Candace will be speaking as an individual and as a health care provider and not as the BOH. Gourville said as a BOH we did support this in a past meeting so either way is fine. Candace added that the reasons schools start the time that they do has nothing to do with the children it is all about logistics.

Adjournment: Silva motioned to adjourn, seconded by Gourville 07:40 p.m. Motion passed 3-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Next meeting is February 15th 6 PM
Respectfully submitted

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

Cindy Luongo