



## TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building  
100 Maple Avenue  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 05145

Date: January 20, 2023

To: Board of Health

From: Kerry Stockwell, Principal Department Assistant – in person

Re: Board of Health Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Stephen Vigeant and Dr. George Abraham – in person  
Jennie Fishman – remote participation

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance (CMRPHA):  
Soloe Dennis, Director of Public Health - remote participation  
Micah Blondeau, Regional Environmental Health Specialist – in person

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held on **FRIDAY, January 20, 2023** in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located at the Richard D. Carney Municipal Building located at 100 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545, at which time and place the Board of Health will consider the following agenda:

- 1. Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Stephen Vigeant.
- 2. Review and approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2022 Board of Health Meeting.** On a motion made by Dr. Abraham and seconded by Jennie Fishman and on a roll call vote; Dr. Abraham, aye; Jennie Fishman, aye; and Stephen Vigeant, aye, the Board of Health voted to approve the Minutes from the December 9, 2022 Board of Health Meeting. Unanimously approved 3 – 0.
- 3. Review and Discuss Coronavirus / COVID-19 Update.**  
Soloe Dennis reminded residents to be cautious when out in public. If you have a pre-existing condition, the recommendation is to wear a mask.

Dr. Abraham added that beyond the window of the holidays and closing of schools, there has been a little drop in waste water surveillance. The recommendation is for those who are risk to wear a mask when indoors and in public spaces. Hopefully, the numbers will come down.

Stephen Vigeant reminded residents that the Shrewsbury Board of Health still has a Mask Advisory in place. The recommendation is to wear a mask when indoors, when in crowded places and if you are immunocompromised or have underlying health issues.

- 4. Review and Discuss Updates from the Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance (CMRPHA).**  
Micah Blondeau provided an environmental health update. Market Basket is now open and that happened this month. Complaints have slowed down for the season. No food-borne illness or housing complaints. It's been business as usual for the last couple of weeks.

Question: On the Environmental Health spreadsheet, it's indicate that there were two food complaints. Were those food-borne illness complaints?

Answer: No. One complaint was due to no water in one of the plazas and the other couldn't be recalled but neither were food-borne illness related.

Question: Are there any updates on Influenza (the Flu) and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)?

Answer: The Flu continues to be a problem. RSV is coming down a bit.

**Review meeting schedule.** The next scheduled Board of Health meeting will be held on **Friday, February 24, 2023** at 8:00 a.m. in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting room located at the Richard D. Carney Municipal Building, 100 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

Before the meeting closed, Stephen Vigeant recognized Kristen Las, Assistant Town Manager for her extremely valuable contributions to both the Health Department and the Board of Health whom she oversees. Her last day is today. The Board of Health wishes her well in her new role as Town Manager in Westford, MA. Thank you Kristen!

5. **Adjourn.** On a motion made by Dr. Abraham and seconded by Jennie Fishman and on a roll call vote, Dr. Abraham, aye; Jennie Fishman, aye; and Stephen Vigeant, aye, the Board of Health voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 a.m. Unanimously approved 3– 0.

Correspondence:

- Shrewsbury Board of Health Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2022
- Email from Samantha Boardman – January 10, 2023