



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building
100 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545

DATE: January 24, 2020

TO: Board of Health

FROM: Kerry Stockwell, Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Board of Health Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Stephen Vigeant and George Abraham

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Leger and Ivan Kwagala – Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance (CMRPHA)

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Jennie Fishman and Karyn Clark

AGENDA

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Stephen Vigeant.
2. **Review and approval of Minutes from the December 20, 2019 Board of Health meeting.** George Abraham made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from the December 20, 2019 Board of Health meeting. Seconded by Steve Vigeant. Approved 2-0.
3. **Review and Act on the Report from the CMRHA.**
 - a. **Local and Regional Public Health Advisory Committee (LRPHAC) – Phil Leger and Karyn Clark appointed.**

The Mass. Department of Public Health (MDPH) named twenty-eight (28) public health professionals for its new Advisory Committee. Both Phil Leger and Karyn Clark were appointed and will serve on sub-committees for three (3) and two (2) year terms. The first meeting will take place on January 30, 2020 at the new MDPH regional office in Marlborough, MA.
 - b. **Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Workshops**

MDPH created a draft response plan with regards to EEE. This plan is currently out for review. Once finalized, templates will be available to assist municipalities in communicating effectively with their residents (i.e. cancel or post-pone outdoor events such as fall festivals, sports activities, and other social events). The plan will also provide clarity in determining when the first frost occurs in certain areas. Presently, there is no mosquito activity.

Regional Youth Health Survey - Youth surveys are in process. Shrewsbury is one of the participating towns. Once the data has been compiled, the information will be made available.

New Federal Tobacco Legislation - On December 20, 2019, President Trump signed new legislation to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, raising the age for all tobacco purchase to the age of twenty-one (21), effective immediately.

Sanitary Codes - Sanitary codes are still in the process of being fine-tuned and should be finalized by the fall.

Semi-public Swimming Pool Codes - New Semi-public Swimming Pool Codes are almost finalized. Once those are in place, the Health Department will reach out to all Shrewsbury locations that have a semi-public swimming pool and educate them on the changes.

Certified Pool Operator (CPO) Training - Ivan Kwagala recently completed and passed his CPO training through Underwater Pools in West Boylston, MA.

Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance (CMRPHA) Quarterly Meeting - Was held on January 15, 2020 at the Shrewsbury Town Hall. Steve Vigeant, Phil Leger, Colleen Bolen, and Karyn Clark attended.

Influenza (FLU) and Coronavirus - Flu activity is up. There is still time to get a flu shot. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by the Coronavirus, originating in China.

Environmental Health Data - Ivan Kwagala provided the Board with inspectional data since the last Board of Health meeting that was held on December 20, 2019. Forty-six (46) routine food inspections were conducted. A few food establishments will require re-inspections. Overall, the food establishments are doing very well and he will continue to work with them to maintain compliance.

Chemical Incident - A chemical incident occurred at one of the supermarkets earlier this month. This was an isolated incident that was quickly contained. A Health Agent responded as well as a hazmat team to clean up the affected area.

Administrative Hearing - An Administrative Hearing took place for one of the food establishments earlier this month. A re-inspection took place and there were significant improvements.

4. **Review meeting schedule.** The next Board of Health meeting will be held on February 28, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. in the New Selectmen's Meeting Room.
5. **Adjourn.** George Abraham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 a.m. Seconded by Steve Vigeant. Approved 2-0.

Referenced Material:

- BOH Meeting Minutes – dated December 20, 2019
- CMRPHA Updates – January 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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