



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

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

Date: May 19, 2023

To: Board of Health

From: Kerry Stockwell, Principal Department Assistant – in person

Re: Board of Health Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Stephen Vigeant, Jennie Fishman, Dr. George Abraham – in person

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

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held on **FRIDAY, May 19, 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, 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 8:02 a.m. by Stephen Vigeant.
- 2. Review and approval of Minutes from the April 21, 2023 Board of Health Meeting.**
On a motion made by Dr. Abraham and seconded by Stephen Vigeant and on a roll call vote; Dr. Abraham, aye; and Stephen Vigeant, aye, the Board of Health voted to approve the Minutes from the April 21, 2023 Board of Health Meeting. Approved 2 - 0.

At this time, Jennie Fishman joined the meeting.

- 3. Review and Discuss Coronavirus / COVID-19 Update.**
Soloe Dennis addressed the Board and turned the update over to Amelia Houghton. The number of COVID-19 cases are minimal, the cases being tracked in schools has ceased and the mobile vaccination clinics have ended. The Worcester Department of Public Health is participating this weekend in a COVID-19 vaccine clinic. The flu vaccine will also be available for children. Very little COVID-19 cases to track at this point. There really only has been one (1) type of cluster in a long-term care facility. Vaccines.gov is the place to go for those who want to find a vaccine.

Dr. Abraham noted that there is still some prevalence in the community. There are no overwhelming numbers or clusters at this time. The wastewater surveillance is low. The disease is very mild, the number of deaths are very mild, and the number of hospitalizations are low. Encouraging those who have underlying conditions to be vaccinated and then wait until the fall to receive a vaccination that will cover the latest variant.

- 4. Review and Discuss Updates from the Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance (CMRPHA).**
Micah Blondeau provided an update. He performed approximately forty five (45) inspections since the April Board of Health meeting. The inspections and complaints were comprised of a large range of items such as pools, food, camps and housing. He is trying to get all of the semi-public swimming pools open at the same time.

There were two (2) food-borne complaints there were unfounded.

Question: There was a complaint regarding dust at 420 Boston Turnpike. Can you provide some information?

Answer: As soon as the complaint came into the Health department, Micah conducted an on-site visit. There was not any dust control measures in place; however, the site is being watered down every couple of hours. Micah

checks on the site multiple times during the day and continues to monitor the situation.

Question: Is the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP involved?

Answer: No. Typically, these types of situations are handled at the local level. If the problem persists then the Health Department would reach out for assistance.

5. **Review meeting schedule.** The next scheduled Board of Health meeting will be held on June 30, 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.
6. **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 8:08 a.m. Unanimously approved 3 - 0.

Correspondence:

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