



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Board & Staff Present:

Dr. Robin Blair, Board Chair
Dr. Robert Slocum, Board Member
Dr. Richard Tilson, Board Member

Laura Vlasuk, Director of Public Health
Kristine Harris, Public Health Nurse

***Remote* Board of Health Meeting Minutes** **November 17, 2022**

- I. Call to Order – 7:04pm
Meeting called to order by Dr. Blair at 7:04 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
Motion to approve minutes made by Dr. Slocum, seconded by Dr. Blair. Motion passes 2-0.
- III. Tobacco – Sale to a person under the age of 21 violation presentation regarding on site visits
 - a. Shell (75 Story Ave) - 1st Offence – PAID
 - b. Richdale (62 State Street) - 1st Offence – PAID
 - c. Newbury One Stop (1 Kent Street) – 2nd Offence – APPEAL HEARING
- Michael Lowry General Manager was called to away for an emergency and was not able to attend the meeting, Ronald Beauregard, Healthy Communities Tobacco Control Program Agent was present. Discussion that this is the second violation for this location. Dr. Slocum voted to move this to the December agenda as a last opportunity to appeal the August 24 violation motion seconded by Dr. Tilson. Motion passed 3-0.
- IV. Director's Report
Director Vlasuk gave an update on the department.
 - On August 4, 2022 The White House declared Monkeypox a public health emergency. City of Newburyport website was updated with pertinent information such as Symptoms, Transmission, Isolation and Prevention.
 - The Health department offered two COVID clinic that were available for all ages August 11 and November 22, 2022. Both clinics offer COVID shots and boosters for all ages in addition flu shots
 - The current COVID in Newburyport is 5.80% and 9% state wide. As you can see this is not the spike that we have seen in the past but the linear growth that we have been

expecting. As health officials we encourage people to stay diligent in the months to come as activities move inside and the holiday gatherings begin.

- Kristine Harris and Laura Vlasuk have worked 10 flu clinic and Kristine Harris has conducted 11 home visits the Health department has administered 320 flu vaccines thus far.
- Laura Vlasuk has organized a Blood Drive with the Red Cross that will be held November 30, 2022 from 11 to 6:15 at The Senior Center.
- Shell located at 75 Story Ave, received their first violation for sale to a person under the age of 21. Violation was issued for \$1,000.00, this violation has been paid.
- Richdale located at 62 State Street, received their first violation for sale to a person under the age of 21. Violation was issued for \$1,000.00, this violation has been paid.
- Newburyport One Stop located at 1 Kent Street, received their second violation for sale to a person under the age of 21. Violation was issued for \$2,000.00. Appeal requested.
- Department is continuing to follow the guidelines provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to continue retention of records that was obtained by Michael Lawler prior to his departure from the department.
- CSO continue to occur and Laura Vlasuk has provided a sample of a CSO posing that Ms. Vlasuk, would like to turn into permanent street sign to be posted at each location set forth by the state. Board request that notification of permanent signs is posted on town web page, Health web page in addition to posting information in the Daily News now and in spring. Dr. Slocum motioned to move to update water signs to electronic scan code sign seconded by Dr. Tilson. Motion passed 3-0.
- The Health Department did receive the maximum State allotment of COVID test kits, kits are available both at the entrance to town hall and at the Health Department office located in the lower level of City Hall. I encourage everyone to come take as many as many as they wish.
- Molly Ettenborough - Recycling and Energy Manager would like to attend the December BOH meeting she is in the process of drafting a written outline of she presentation or topic that I will distribute to the Board of Health prior to the meeting.

Next Meeting

December 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm

- V. Dr. Slocum added that Ms. Vlasuk is doing great work and hopes that an assistant position is posted soon.
- VI. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn made at 7:27pm by Dr. Blair, seconded by Dr. Slocum. Motion passes 3-0.