



# CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

## BOARD OF HEALTH

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**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

### Board & Staff Present:

Dr. Robin Blair, Board Chair

Dr. Richard Tilson, Board Member

Lina Matta, Board Member

Laura Vlasuk, Director of Public Health

Kristine Harris, Public Health Nurse

### Board of Health Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Blair at 6:57pm
- II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Dr. Tilson, seconded by Lina Matta. Motion passes 3-0.*
- III. Director's Report  
Director Vlasuk gave an update on the department.
  - Health Department conducted its final flu clinic on February 9, 2023. A total of 313 flu vaccines were administered this season. If anyone would like a vaccine please contact the public health nurse for a private appointment.
  - On August 30, 2022 Newburyport One Stop located at 1 Kent Street received a second violation of \$2000 for sale to a minor. Violation was paid in full on 1/10/23.
  - Meghan O'Keefe has been offered the position as Office Health Assistants her start date is 2/27/23.
  - Reminder, 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.
  - A question came up recently regarding the location of the seasonal water testing. Locations were discussed a map of the locations was provided for the Boards information.
  - The health department is working actively towards conducting inspections at food establishments and schools to ensure that each location is inspected 2 times in 2023.
  - Intern: Sam Cooper completed a project that Ms. Vlasuk was extremely passionate about before returning to school. Mr. Cooper took all the files in the Health Department and placed them in alphabetical order by street. This was a very big project to undertake but will save time for all staff members insuring that the files can be found in a fast and more efficiently manor.

- As of 2/14/2023 **5,630,708** people in Massachusetts have been fully vaccinated
- *COVID numbers as of 2/10/23*
  - Testing Data percent positivity state wide 14-day average 8.4%
  - All of Massachusetts 14-day average daily 9.7%
  - Newburyport 14-day average daily 5.5%
- CSO signs have arrived Ms. Vlasuk wanted the Board to see the signs prior to having them posted. The Boards vote at our last meeting to approve these signs and there permit placement. Per the Boards request I will post information regarding these signs and their location on town web page, Health web page in addition to posting information in the Daily News now and in spring.
  - Locations: state
    - **Moseley Woods** – on post leading to trail
    - **Cashman Park** – (3) – one by each boat ramp entrance, and one near the dock area
    - **Tuscan Kitchen** – on post by boat ramp
    - **Joppa Flat** – on post by boat ramp
    - **Plum Island Beach** – (2) one by the bathrooms, and one posted on the post by the old coast guard shack leading to the beach to the right of Captains Lady

Next Meeting

March 23 at 7:00 pm in person

#### IV. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn made at 7:27pm by Dr. Tilson, seconded by Lina Matta. Motion passes 3-0.*