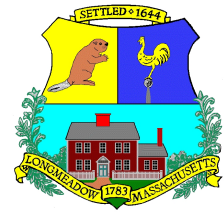


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Board of Health Town of Longmeadow Minutes for 6/27/2022

Attendees confirmed by roll call:

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Dr. Baevsky convened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. The Governor's Open Town Meeting Protocol defining the guidelines for all town meetings conducted by remote means was read aloud. Details regarding the guidelines are posted on the Longmeadow Town website.

2. The minutes of the 2/22/2022 meeting were accepted unanimously: Motion by Dr Baevsky, Second by Dr. Keane-Moore

3. Introduction of new Associate member Dr. Elliott Greenberg

4. COVID updates by Mr. McCool:

- 52 cases from 6/13-6/27
- 7 cases under 19 yr. old.
- 62% of cases are previously fully immunized
- The State will provide 2800 test kits that will be distributed, including at the Senior Center, Fire and Police Departments, and DPW

5. Health Department inspections:

- 12 Housing
- 6 pools
- 47 food inspections
- 2 camp inspections
- 2 homes – one in receivership, one with receivership being sought

6. Community Health Assessment: Report not ready as yet (215 respondents)

7. Public Health Excellence Program:

- New Public Health Coordinator hired
- Completing final draft of by-laws covering services
- We are in position to cover our costs going forward

7. Other matters of importance:

- Will review use of instructional dogs in school settings – need to submit guidelines to the Select Board
- Reviewed the recent report of tainted water supplied by Springfield:
 - Deemed to be safe to ingest
 - Dr. Valania asked whether there are any mitigation strategies. Mr. McCool will investigate and post any solutions on line
 - Recommend that the matter be taken up by the Select Board
- Note again by Dr. Steingart the presence of a “shot shop” in town giving intravenous infusions based on unsubstantiated health benefit claims. Dr. Angelides asked whether they are in compliance with all DPH requirements for an infusion suite. Mr. McCool will query DPH and investigate further.
- The State will inspect toilet facilities available to farm workers. Dr. Keane-Moore notes that this issue is not only a health issue but also a human dignity issue.
- Dr. Valania asked whether there are opportunities to set up exercise programs at public pools, especially during intemperate months of the year. Mr. McCool will review relevant guidelines and potential expenses (Lifeguard, etc.)

With no other business on the table, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasios Angelides, Clerk