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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of January 13, 2021

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and given the current prohibitions on gatherings imposed by Governor Baker's March 23, 2020 "Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People," this public hearing was conducted virtually, as allowed by Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20.

The following Board of Health Members were present:

Leanne Jasset, Chair
Kathy Reda, Vice Chair
Mary Ellard, Member

The following staff were present:

Bridget Sweet, Interim Health Director
Jessica Tracy, Public Health Nurse

Chairwoman Jasset called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Director's Report

Nurse Jessica Tracy has been leading the first responder vaccine rollout. The Health Department has been fielding calls from the public about when they may be able to be vaccinated. Restaurant inspections, housing inspections, and septic inspections continue to be conducted.

The Health Department will be allocated \$13,000 for contact tracing, COVID-19 enforcement, and messaging. The Department is interested in hiring a BSN intern to assist the Public Health Nurse with COVID-19 clinics, social media and communication, and administrative tasks. The BSN intern would have the opportunity to assist with COVID-19 clinic planning, preparing, implementation, contact tracing, and any other duties related to public health nursing.

Public Health Nurse Update

The State has rolled out the COVID-19 priority vaccination phase one, including first Responders, home base health care workers, and home care workers doing non COVID-19 facing care. The Public Health Nurse is also preparing volunteers for phase two clinics. The Board of Health thanked the Public Health Nurse for her diligence.

Member Mary Ellard made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Kathy Reda and Chairwoman Leanne Jasset Seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the Board of Health's Meeting held on January 13, 2021 which minutes were approved on July 7, 2021.

Leanne Jasset – Chairman