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## TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

### Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, June 11, 2024

**Location: HYBRID MEETING** (Town Hall, 450 Washington Street, Room 304 and via Zoom; see below to join.)

**The following Board of Health Members were present:**

Bernadette Chirokas, Chair  
Leanne Jasset, Vice-Chair  
Emma Reidy, Member

**The following staff were present:**

Kylee Foley, Health Director  
Mavis Stephany Lopez Silva, Office Manager

**Meeting is called to order Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:33PM**

**Public Comment:** No public present for comment in person or remotely.

**Discussion & Vote: 05/14/2024 Meeting Minutes:** Vice Chair Jasset voted to approve the minutes as written, Member Emma Reidy seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes as written.

**Discussion (&Possible Vote): BOH COA Representative;** Vice Chair Jasset will remain as the Board's COA representative for now and will revisit the matter at a later date.

**Update from Health Director**

**Proposed Door to Door Inspection Program:** The Town held an informational session on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, to discuss the proposed door to door inspection program to assess prohibited connections to the sewer system in the Manor Neighborhood and surrounding area. Although there were concerns expressed by residents, there was overall support for the program. The Select Board and Town Manager's Office must approve this program. This topic is scheduled for the June 13, 2024 Select Board Meeting. If approval is granted, the goal is to start the program this summer and have Weston & Sampson analyze the data by the end of the 2024 calendar.

Information about responding to sewage backups was sent out to residents with recent sewer bills. Director Foley is also working with the Town's Communications Officer, Amanda Smith, to create a resource page on the Health Department Website. This page will include sewage backup response information.

**14 Arbor Ln:** A hearing has been scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2024, to determine the sale of this property. The Board will be informed of the hearing's outcome.

**Seasonal Inspections and Permitting:** Seasonal inspections and permitting are under way. The Health Department has been working with camp operators to ensure that all policies and procedures are in compliance with the updated state regulations.

The Health Department will be inspecting the Farmer's Market food vendors as the Summer Farmer's Market is set to start tomorrow.

**Blood Pressure Clinics:** Public Health Nurse Katie Paciorkowski will be holding blood pressure clinics at the Senior Center. These clinics will be starting tomorrow and will be conducted two times per month.

**Beth Israel Lahey Needham Hospital Community Grant:** The Town was awarded a grant from Beth Israel Lahey Needham Hospital. This grant's funding will help support a transportation program for Dedham residents seeking access to mental health and substance abuse care. The program will be launched this summer.

#### **Old/New Business**

**Communicable Diseases** Chair Bernadette Chirokas inquired whether there has been an increase of tickborne illnesses or other infectious diseases reported in Dedham. Director Foley stated the numbers have all been consistent, and there has not been a substantial increase. Public Health Nurse, Katie Paciorkowski, has been responding to any infectious disease cases in Dedham.

Vice Chair Jasset made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50PM. Member Emma Reidy seconded this motion, and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5: 50 PM.