

Approved September 13, 2022

**Wallingford Board of Health  
45 South Main Street, Town Hall  
Minutes of May 4, 2022**

**Call to Order:** 8:37 a.m. by Vanessa Bautista, Acting Director of Health.

**Present:** Mayor Dickinson, Jeffrey Necio, Kathy Neelon, Dr. Delbert Smith, Isaac Cardona, Len Guercia, Adrianna Rodriguez, Vanessa Bautista

**Excused:** Melinda Schoen, Daryll Porto

**Directors Report (See attached):**

1. **Staffing:** Vanessa discussed her temporary role as Acting Director of Health and hiring updates on the full-time Senior Clerk position. Mayor stated Eloise Hazelwood will be coming back as Director of Health until the permanent DOH position is filled.
2. **School Health:** Kathy Neelon shared the current level of Covid-19 cases in the public schools and possible Covid-19 parameters for schools. In addition, Kathy discussed how Narcan had been incorporated across all Wallingford schools.
3. **Infectious Diseases: Covid-19 update:** Vanessa presented the latest data from Wallingford and Connecticut regarding case numbers and vaccination rates. The Department is currently responding to a TB case in Town. The nurse and Acting Director of Health will conduct interviews and monitor the patient's health status.
4. **Administrative:**
  - The Department has received a donation from Roehm for the MRC. Funds will be utilized to continue the training and recruitment of new volunteers.
  - The Department is in the process of receiving funds from DMHAS to continue to work with the Wallingford Coalition and support opioid safety info sessions provided to local pharmacies.
  - In addition, the Health Department will be receiving funds from DPH to implement local level suicide prevention, intervention, and response. This program will consist of a professional therapist intervention specialist working after hours in conjunction with the police department and youth and social services.
  - ELC1 grant funding will expire on November 30, 2022. ELC2 application has been revised and submitted to DPH on April 7, 2022. Upon approval, the Department will hire two contact tracers and continue to work with SCOW to implement community health vaccination clinics, conduct contact tracing and provide bilingual services related to Covid-19 and influenza health education.
  - FSE licenses are to expire on June 30, 2022. The renewal application and letters were sent out on April 29, 2022.
  - A booster clinic was held at the Wallingford Public Library on May 3, 2022, vaccinating about 55 residents. In addition, the Department will continue to offer homebound vaccination appointments for those who meet the program's criteria.

**Next Meeting:** September 7, 2022

**Meeting adjourned** 9:02 am

Respectfully Submitted,

*Vanessa Bautista*

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Acting Director of Health