

Approved on September 3, 2025

**Wallingford Board of Health  
45 South Main Street, Town Hall, Rm 315  
Minutes of June 11, 2025**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Vanessa Bautista, Director of Health.

**Present:**

Mayor Cervoni, Dr. Delbert Smith (Medical Advisor), Kathy Neelon, Adriana Rodriguez, Len Guercia, Isaac Cardona

**Excused:**

Tracey Weeks, Jeffrey Necio, Katie Nemeth

**Guests:**

Lisa Taylor, RN

Anne Bernick, Public Health Nurse

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2025 meeting was made by Isaac Cardona and seconded by Kathy Neelon. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Items**

**School Health**

Aimee Turner was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict; however, Director Bautista shared information relevant to school health from the recent statewide Director of Health call. A new tool, EPIEngage, has been developed to estimate potential measles outbreaks in schools across Connecticut. The tool may assist school nurses and administrators in assessing risk and implementing timely mitigation strategies

**See attached Director's Report and PowerPoint presentation for more details.**

**1. Infectious Diseases**

Anne Bernick discussed tuberculosis (TB) cases and the monitoring protocol being followed.

**2. Environmental Health**

The Health Department completed 179 inspections between March and May 2025, including food service, pool, cosmetology, daycare, and B100a inspections. Thirty-three (33) nuisance complaints were logged, and 25 were resolved. A table summarizing these activities was included in the PowerPoint presentation.

**3. Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)**

Updates included participation in TTX exercises, CPR/AED and Stop the Bleed trainings, MRC activities, and the Hanover Pond Dam Failure Preparedness Exercise.

**4. Community Outreach**

The department conducted a Narcan training for the public and continued outreach through tick safety messaging, attendance at community events like SCOW's celebration, and planning for the July 19th Community Wellness Fair.

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### **5. Community Partnerships**

The Health Department is partnering with YSS and YMCA to coordinate an EKG screening with In A Heartbeat Foundation. Meetings have also begun with CHC to finalize the schedule and location for the use of their Mobile Health Unit (MHU) at Town Hall. The department is also collaborating with YSS to offer QPR (suicide prevention) training for the public.

### **6. Public Health Policies**

Updates were shared on Public Act 22-49 related to lead, and progress on local lead ordinance.

### **7. Workforce Development**

Three staff members completed DPH's lead refresher training. Anne Bernick was recognized as the 2025 Public Health Nurse of the Year by the Connecticut Association of Public Health Nurses. Additional trainings included CPR/AED Instructor certification, Narcan, Stop the Bleed, Matter of Balance, and participation in state and national preparedness events.

### **8. Administrative**

Ongoing use of Opioid Settlement funding continues to support the CredibleMind mental health platform. ELC 2 and Public Health Workforce Development grants are also active and supporting department initiatives.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Isaac Cardona and seconded by Kathy Neelon. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

### **Next Meeting:**

September 3, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

*Vanessa Bautista*

Vanessa Bautista, RS, MPH  
Director of Health