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Wallingford Board of Health
Director's Report for September 2, 2026

1. Infectious Diseases (Anne Bernick)

-Respiratory Diseases
- Tuberculosis (TB)

2. Environmental:

- Review Environmental Health activity data for January–July 2026 (see summary table in PowerPoint presentation)
- Environmental Health staff completed program-specific training and updates in septic, food safety/outbreak response, lead, pools, rabies, and reduced oxygen packaging

3. Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP):

- Region 2 PHEP meetings: 6; Region 2 MRC meetings: 6; Region 2 ESF-8 meetings: 2
- Tabletop Exercise planning meetings: 11; Functional Exercise planning meetings: 8
- Hosted Region 2 Emergency Preparedness Tabletop Exercise – April 1, 2026
- Hosted Region 2 Functional POD Exercise at Sheehan High School – June 30, 2026
- Participated in regional preparedness exercises, conferences, and emergency management trainings

4. Community Outreach:

- Community outreach/tabling included Early Childhood Education Fair, SCOW International Celebration, Masonicare Family Day, and Garden Market
- Hosted Bingocize nutrition and exercise/falls prevention program at the Senior Center – April through June
- Community health education included suicide prevention, tick safety, CredibleMind, contraception, and veteran mental health
- Our Community Wellness Fair held in July
- CPR, First Aid, and Narcan trainings provided to community members, students, Town staff, CERT, YSS, SCOW, Boys & Girls Club, and Senior Center staff
- Upcoming outreach includes Garden Market, Celebrate Wallingford, public CPR classes, employee flu clinic, and YMCA Health Fair

5. Community Partnerships:

- National Fitness Campaign partnership – Fitness Court completed and ribbon cutting held July 18, 2026
- Continued participation in local and regional coalitions and collaborative groups
- Eagle Scout partnership provided 100 first aid kits for Workcamp
- Received HeartSafe Community redesignation – July 2026
- WHATT collaboration: 7 meetings; two bike racks installed at Community Lake Park

6. Public Health Policies:

- Local spa/massage establishment ordinance remains under review with the Law Department

7. Maintain a competent public health workforce:

- Staff completed multiple certifications, refresher courses, webinars, and conferences January–July 2026 (see PowerPoint training table)
- Training topics included septic systems, food safety/outbreak response, lead, rabies, CPR/BLS, de-escalation, trauma services, suicide prevention, emergency preparedness, and falls prevention
- ServSafe Instructor Certification completed
- MPH internship placement supported workforce development and departmental projects
- Upcoming professional development includes CT DPH FITO training, Steps to Safety Train-the-Trainer, Yankee Conference, and Annual Immunization & Respiratory Viral Disease Update Conference

8. Administrative:

- Continued management of department grants and special initiatives
- Continued departmental administrative and grant reporting requirements

Next Meeting: December 2, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

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