

DRAFT December 2, 2020

**Wallingford Board of Health
45 South Main Street, Town Hall
Minutes of December 2, 2020**

Call to Order: 8:35 a.m. by Stephen Civitelli, DOH.

Present: Mayor Dickinson, Jeffrey Necio, Len Guercia, Kathy Neelon, Stephen Civitelli, Dr. Delbert Smith

Excused: Melinda Schoen, Daryll Porto, Isaac Cardona

Guests: Anne Bernick (Public Health Nurse) Vanessa Bautista Chief Sanitarian

September 2, 2020 BOH meeting minutes approved.

Directors Report (See attached):

1. **Communicable Illness:** Anne discussed contact tracing in the community and some of the issues surrounding lagging data impacting tracing activities. The department continues to conduct contact tracing 7 day per week. The CT DPH unit assisting towns with contact tracing will now be picking up cases within 24 hours if needed. 6 Flu clinics were conducted in October at several municipal locations. The dive thru clinic at the library was a success and yielded over 100 participants. Stephen provided a presentation on the most recent COVID-19 data that will be provided to the Town Council on December 8th.
2. **School Health:** Kathy Neelon discussed the extensive work surrounding the public schools and the coordination with the Health department. Based on contact tracing conducted by nursing and health department staff there has not been sustained spread of Covid-19 in the classrooms. Kathy stated they are anticipating guidance from CDC on quarantine timeframes to be modified. This may have an impact on how the school system moves forward responding to close contacts.
3. **Environmental:** Sanitarian staff are continuing to respond to CT Reopen Guidance as it relates to COVID-19. Primarily, these complaints have been associated with masking, social distancing, and capacity concerns. To date the department has tracked 158 total complaints in addition to the routine nuisance complaints
4. **PHEP:** Stephen discussed the information regarding expectations from the CDC relating to providing a COVID-19 vaccine when available. The model provided from CDC would require local health departments to vaccinate critical infrastructure employees. These employees are considered to be police, fire, EMS and public health workforce. A small number of doses would be made available on a weekly basis for distribution. The town has been approved to be a CoVP provider allowing the Health Department to store and administer once available. The supply of PPE located at the former Yalesville Firehouse has been organized and cataloged for future needs.
5. **Administrative:** Stephen discussed the 30 month ELC grant award provided by CDC for COVID-19 response as it was accepted by the town council on November 10th. The P/T Public Health Nurse hired with the grant funds has a start date of December 10th.

Next Meeting: February 3, 2020

Meeting adjourned 9:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen A. Civitelli, RS, MPH
Director of Health