

DRAFT December 7, 2022

**Wallingford Board of Health**  
**45 South Main Street, Town Hall, Rm 205**  
**Minutes of December 7, 2022**

**Call to Order:** 8:36 a.m. by Vanessa Bautista, Director of Health.

**Present:** Mayor Dickinson, Dr. Delbert Smith, , Len Guercia, Isaac Cardona, Jeffrey Necio, Kathy Neelon, Melinda Schoen

**Excused:** Daryll Porto, Adriana Rodriguez

**Guest:** Anne Bernick, Public Health Nurse

**Minutes:** DRAFT Minutes, September 13, 2022, were approved as distributed.

**Agenda:**

**Staffing:**

- Vanessa Bautista was appointed DOH.
- Senior Sanitarian position to be filled (application closing date 12/23/22)
- Kaylianna Bryant – Part-time Health Educator, will resign on December 16, 2022, and take on a full-time position at Chesprocott Health District.

**Directors Report (See attached):**

1. **Infectious Diseases: Anne Bernick**
    - a. COVID-19, RSV, and Influenza health data were reviewed. Report was completed by a contract with an epidemiologist through ECL1 funding (See attached reports)
    - b. Review of conducted influenza and COVID-19 vaccine clinics, including homebound vaccinations.
    - c. Discussion on the Monkeypox vaccine.
    - d. Discussion on required Direct Observed Therapy (DOT) for infectious TB.
  2. **Environmental: See the Director's report**
  3. **Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response (PHEPR):**
    - a. The WHD continues to attend monthly MRC and ESF 8 meetings.
    - b. MRC update: A letter was sent to all MRC members asking for feedback and membership status.
    - c. Various CPR/AED trainings conducted (From September to present, 45 people have obtained their CPR/AED certification).
  4. **Community Outreach/ Health Education:**
    - a. The health department participated in the following events:
      - Celebrate Wallingford
      - Park and Rec Professional Development Day
      - Red Ribbon Week
    - b. Health Educator and PH nurse will be working with Fire Prev. Bur. implementing fire/fall prevention programs.
    - c. Health Educator conducted a handwashing program at the Wallingford Public Library.
    - d. English and Spanish Certified Food Protection Manager courses will be offered to all food operators in January.
  5. **Community partnership:**
    - a. The health department continues to work with SCOW for multiple preventive health events, including COVID clinics, testing, and translation services.
    - b. WHD donated a Christmas tree promoting health education to the Wallingford Coalition for the tree festival event on December 2.
    - c. WHD will participate in the Talk to Santa event on December 10, 2022, in collaboration with YSS and the Wallingford Radio Group.
  6. **Public Health Policies:**
    - a. Amended Town Ordinance, Ch 592, governing Salon Establishments, came into effect October 29, 2022. This ordinance decreased annual license fees and included aesthetic services (i.e., skincare, waxing, eyebrow trimming, eyelash, and massage services).
      - Letters were sent to these establishments informing them of this change.
      - It was noted that this ordinance triggered the WHD to inspect additional salon establishments.
    - b. Public Act 22-49 will lower the lead threshold standards on January 1, 2023.
1. **Competent Workforce and Development: See Director's Report**
  2. **Administrative:**
    - a. The ELC1 grant expired on November 17, 2022. WHD is finalizing fiscal and programmatic reports to submit to DPH.
    - b. Awaiting final approval for the ELC2 grant
    - c. DPH Feedback for the Local Health Annual Report 2021 was reviewed.
    - d. WHD is working on putting together the 2022 annual report.

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**Meeting adjourned:** 8:58 am.

**Next Meeting:** February 1, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

*Vanessa Bautista*

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Director of Health