

## **WINTHROP BOARD of HEALTH**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2020 6:30 PM**

### **REMOTE PARTICIPATION (A. Weins, Host; Meeting Recorded)**

#### **MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Schmidt called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:44 pm.

**ROLL CALL: BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair: Bill Schmidt; Vice-Chair: Astrid Weins; Member: Susan Maguire.

**TOWN of WINTHROP:** Al Legee, Commissioner Inspectional Services Department; M. Hurley, Director Public Health.

**MOTION from the BOARD OF HEALTH to the SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Following the Winthrop School Committee meeting with the Board of Health held prior to this Board of Health meeting where the School Committee requested the Board's recommendation on the timelines regarding moving the Winthrop Schools from the remote model to hybrid, the Board of Health voted on the following recommendation.

The Board of Health voted unanimously to recommend to the School Committee that they postpone any in-person learning until at least January 4, 2021. The Board of Health will revisit this recommendation at the next Board meeting on December 8, 2020. The recommendation was based on the slide presentation to the School Committee by Dr. Weins, as well as S. Maguire's proposal.

Roll Call on Board's vote: Bill Schmidt, Astrid Weins, and Susan Maguire all in favor. Action steps: A. Weins immediately emailed the Board's recommendation to School Committee Chair Perrin and Superintendent Howard, as the School Committee Meeting had just commenced.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Schmidt acknowledged that the Board of Health had been in receipt of numerous emails regarding the reopening of schools

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** With minor edits, Chair Schmidt, seconded by A. Weins, motioned to approve the Board of Health Minutes of 10/20/2020, 10/30/2020, and 11/04/2020. Roll call vote: all members voting aye, meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** Chair Schmidt noted Town Council President Boncore's acknowledgement at this evening's School Committee meeting of S. Maguire's contributions to the Board of Health over the past four years as she will resign from the Board in December.

## **COMMISSIONER OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ISD) UPDATE:**

59 Cottage Avenue – Inspection Report pending. Commissioner will follow up on alleged concerns re: chimney collapse

Online permit applications going well

Inspections of restaurants: Most compliant with COVID-19 Guidelines

One incident of Landscaping Company not wearing face masks where ISD supplied them to the workers

Haven't yet coordinated with new Town COVID-19 Enforcement Agent, K. Oliva.

The Board reinforced that the ISD may fine establishments if necessary for COVID-19 noncompliance issues

Plastic Bags Reg: if business has not submitted a waiver, ISD may issue a warning

### **COVID-19:**

S. Maguire suggested that the slides prepared by Dr. Weins for this evening's presentation to the School Committee be more widely disseminated in an effort to educate the community. Action steps: Vice Chair Weins will request WCAT to create a YouTube video to be posted on the Town website and social media.

Chair Schmidt will email Town Manager Faison seeking more support for the town's Director Public Health, Meredith Hurley, to aggressively respond to the rise of COVID-19 cases in town, e.g., contact tracing etc.

**MRC:** Participating in Flu Clinics

**NSPHC:** Minutes and status of Youth Social Media Campaign from last month's Behavioral Health CHIP meeting was shared with Board prior to the meeting. The Environmental CHIP meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, 11/18/2020. Steering Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, 11/19/2020.

## **DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND CLINICAL SERVICES: M. Hurley**

### **COVID-19:**

- no new clusters; Elks and Pleasant Park Yacht Club have reopened
- Completing NACHO grant re: Opioid Prevention Toolkit
- Flu Clinic planned for school-aged children
- Hoping to access Care Act monies to purchase more Flu vaccine

**WALK WINTHROP:** Memo to Town Manager, A. Faison pending from Chair Schmidt.

**BODY ART REGULATION:**

Board acknowledged Vice Chair Weins for editing and formatting the most recent draft regulation prepared by Board member, S. Maguire. Action Steps: Board members will review the proposed regulation along with the City of Cambridge Body Art Regulation before the Board's next meeting scheduled for 12/08/2020. Once the Board approves the draft, it will be posted for public comment and a public meeting will be scheduled. The Board of Health plans to finalize the draft at their meeting on December 8, 2020 and post for public comment.

**WORKPLAN:** With S. Maguire's departure on 12/31/2020, the Board will review the Workplan and discuss transition plans at next meeting on 12/8/2020.

**ADJOURMENT:** Motion by S. Maguire, seconded by A. Weins, to adjourn at 8:01 pm, voted 3-0, meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Maguire

