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AGENDA
Winthrop Board of Health Meeting
January 12, 2021 6:30 pm
REMOTE PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM
For Public Comment
Email in Advance to bschmidt@town.winthrop.ma.us

Call to Order	
Introduction of New Board Member	5 minutes
Organization of the Board – Chair, Vice-Chair, Member	5 minutes
Public Comment	10 minutes
Review of Minutes – December 8, 2020, December 15, 2020	5 minutes
Past Business	10 minutes
Status - 59 Cottage Avenue - Report from ISD	
Status – Bespoke Boards	
COVID-19 Town of Winthrop, Board of Health, Schools, etc.	15 minutes
Commissioner of Inspectional Services Update	10 minutes
Director Public Health and Clinical Services Update	10 minutes
Work on Revere Street	5 minutes
MRC Update	5 minutes
NSPHC - Behavioral Health, Environmental Health	5 minutes
Massport Logan Airport Environmental Data Report	5 minutes
Body Art Regulation	20 minutes
Tobacco Sales Regulation	20 minutes
Workplan for FY2021	5 minutes
Board of Health Town Website	5 minutes
Schedule of Meetings for 2021	5 minutes
Proposed Agenda items for February Meeting	5 minutes
Adjournment	

Agenda items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair.

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Call to order 6:35 pm

Roll Call : Bill Schmidt, Chair; Astrid Weins, Vice Chair, Marianne Dalton, Member

Intro of new board member Marianne Dalton RN

VOTE ON POSITIONS: unanimously voted Bill Schmidt, Chair, Astrid Weins, Vice Chair, Marianne Dalton, Member

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

MINUTES DECEMBER 8 AND DECEMBER 15: submitted by Marianne Dalton.

Minutes accepted: unanimous with 1 abstention

COVID 19 ISSUES: Meredith Hurley

Less of spike since Christmas than from Thanksgiving comparably from before

Disease investigations show adherence to guidelines for smaller household gatherings (6-10 people)

School began last week with hybrid learning

Outreach continues re quarantine/isolation protocols

Email contact initiated by parents to PHN, good communication

Testing site 9-1 M-F, sat. 12-7

Moving inside 1/27-1/29

Indoor site run by Project Beacon

Hyde Park, Lynn, Revere, New Bedford sites also managed by them

Online, make appts, facilitates coordination with start of school/prevents overlap with school traffic

New hours 9-1 are already improved traffic situation according to Winthrop Police, the expectation that the online system will continue to improve this

Overlap for transition between current system and online, no gap, more info on timeline later

First responders started vaccination Friday, WRChelsea collaboration, going very well

>200vaccinations/day, Phase 1 tier 1

Phase 2 >75, comorbidities, grocery storeworkers, teachers, unclear what assistance/guidance from state forthcoming, as none has been provided up until now

Meredith believes that state is observing the rollout of vaccines local before deciding on protocols for Phase 2

Friday, sat and next Wed plan is for 600 people to be vaccinated

28 days to 2nd vaccination

Pre Mod online system to assist with tracking/appointments, replacing MIIS .

Tracks better the vaccines/management of appointment

Contact tracing going well, 2 volunteers, within 24 hours capturing people who have reported symptoms/positive results

Simplified the info so Winthrop folks can understand, clarifying quarantine protocols

Indoor testing site will be at old Middle School, 50-100 appt/hour, in the gym

Flu shots still being done, end of February deadline

Mental health, substance abuse, all still issues especially now, we are underresourced,

Strategic plan by BU, to assist in continuing resources for mental health

Masking for crew on Revere St, taken care of by Meredith, they were compliant

Covid deaths: >70. past 2-3 weeks mild infection in this age group.

Lisa Howard, superintendent

Back to school, good mitigation via contact tracing

School nurse plus task force of CNA's (still looking to hire more)

Binax training, pool testing (6 week course on this, possibly including a tech person, will apply for this, assume that Winthrop qualifies d/t hybrid learning)

1st 6 weeks free, then at least \$5/test. Additional cost for other costs associated with this, transportation, processing of

Funding from Dept of Education in process

Will need more nurse resources to roll this out, more on this in future, Lisa will keep us updated

Good rollout of in-person learning, good coordination of enforcement of protocols

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Good compliance of staff, in person since August
Air purifiers: working to get these in place, state to get back to Lisa

Al Legee, inspectional services

59 Cottage Ave: collapsed chimney still has smoke emitting intermittently, attorney needs to be consulted. Wellness check will be attempted, with police or fire personnel, still no contact, will continue to work on this.

Bespoke Boards: Cailey and Chris, owners:

Mark Chapdelaine licensing board chair: need to apply for common victualers license

Al Legee: private property difficult to have private business, regulations very clear, no signage, no foot traffic, several health protocols need to be adhered to, recommend finding a viable site other than private property

Cailey: currently outreaching for options that are commercial and no longer considering working out of private home.

Al: restaurant inspections going well, generally compliant, protocols being followed

CVS building being demolished soon, other building permits being considered

Bonny and DJ

Tobacco and body art regulation drafts

Tobacco sales regs: changes made to draft,

Need effective date added

State laws are favorable to not having adult only vape/tobacco shops, no need to really include this verbiage.

Max number of tobacco products shop permits

Reduced this number to 1 out of 1500: 12 for Winthrop according to Winthrop population

--- — Reviewed with D.J. Wilson regulations/changes made, determined that revisions are correct and within state guidelines

Per draft: provide draft to retailers, have public hearing, provide to Town Council

Vote on approval of draft tobacco regs (latest one) approved unanimously

Bonny Carroll:

Inspections ongoing by her office/collaborative

Sending final copy of draft to Town Council Clerk to forward to local retailers to review

Projected timeline for implementation: possibly May or June 2021, no foreseen obstacles d/t no big changes

North Shore Public Health Council

Survey of communities: behavioral health, housing, economic issues

WBOH environmental health issue: pushed to include this in Chelsea, Winthrop Revere

Focus on pollution from airport

Grant from state to buy filters/monitoring equipment

Sensors are in Revere, Winthrop and East Boston

Looking for sites in Chelsea

?Hepa filter funding in the future

Individual units for homes. Schools have them already

Cost of hepa filters are \$300-500

Data to be gathered to present a case to Massport to foot the bill for more funding for wider dissemination of filters in community (current grant would be \$36000 divided between several communities)

Letter from Massport: environmental data report, comments due Feb 22

Airport Hazard committee Massport personnel changes

Appointed by the Town Council

Body art regs: voting on final draft: unanimously approved

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Presentation of body art reg draft to town council will be by Astrid Weins, perhaps in March
Email to the 2 businesses in town it pertains to per Sharon Sicurrella

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r 2021:

High priority, medium and low

Medical reserve Corps: Jean Maggio, coordinator: run flu/rabies clinic with volunteers

Public service announcements: Mike Cabral @ WCAT, director

BOH Website: reorganization/updates

Possibility of PSA for WCAT: diabetes-related

Also Winthrop Transcript as a venue

Town Manager report on Thursdays: another venue

Second Tuesdays of the month are projected schedule of the meeting 630pm through June

Next mtg Feb 9

Motion to adjourn @851pm, passed unanimously

Next meeting Feb 9