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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, March 30, 2023**

**ATTENDEES:** Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Chairperson  
James Stepanian, Member  
David Greenbaum, RS, Member  
Rosemary Decie, RS, Health Agent  
Anita Wright, RN, Public Health Nurse  
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

This Board of Health meeting was held in the Health Department at town hall.

Meeting Open: 6:36 PM

**AGENDA:**

First item on the agenda is public health nurse update. Anita said, unfortunately, we now have our second listeriosis case. Anita said data has indicated it was from a food borne pathogen from a delicatessen. Anita said most of the time when younger people contract the bacteria, they are asymptomatic, however, this case is an elderly person who is very sick and presently in Lawrence General. Anita said she will keep the Board apprised. Anita told the Board she has more lyme disease and influenza cases during the past month than Covid. Anita said we are at a 14 day incidence of 1.1 of Covid and total numbers for Groveland are 1,421 and it has been in this range for the last 7 weeks so cases have dropped significantly. Anita said hospitalizations are 315, ICU is 36 and 13 people on ventilators. Anita said there was a Groveland resident with norovirus, however, this person has been living in an assisted living residence in Newburyport for the past 2 years so I had limited involvement and it was handled by the Newburyport public health nurse. Anita said monkeypox is really a non-issue right now and is under control. Anita told the Board that she had met with the new COA director and they planned on working together on the health maintenance clinic, specifically, booking blood pressure appointments for seniors. Anita said, unfortunately, this has been put on hold because the COA director resigned. Anita told the Board that residents call the office inquiring where they can dispose of syringes. Anita asked for the Board's approval to purchase several sharps containers for disposal of syringes. The Board approved \$200 for nurse supplies.

Next agenda item is health agent update. Rosemary said she wanted the Board to be aware of change of ownership at Riverside Pizza and Your Place and Ours. Rosemary said she received a complaint about mattresses in the yard at a property on Pike Dr. Rosemary said it turned out to be more than the mattresses and she

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met with the Fire Chief and Building Inspector. There were no smoke detectors and the furnace had to be shut off due to concerns of carbon monoxide. Rosemary told the Board what has transpired from this is that we, the Building Inspector, Fire Chief and myself, have made an incident report to ensure all local authorities are notified. Rosemary said she has been doing soil testing and witnessed a tank crush for a sewer connection on Murray Ave. Rosemary said she participated in a zoom meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> regarding the PHE grant. Rosemary said Amesbury will be the host for our region which includes; Newburyport, Newbury, West Newbury, Rowley, Merrimac, Groveland. Greenbaum stated the purpose of this grant is to provide funding for additional staff, education and training for health departments. Rosemary said the next PHE grant meeting is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Third item on the agenda is review minutes for approval. Greenbaum made a motion to approve meeting minutes of January 19, 2023, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted to approve 2-0. Stepanian abstained he was not present at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:12 PM

Next Board of Health Meeting will be scheduled as needed.  
Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.  
Board of Health approved minutes 4/26/23