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**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

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

This Board of Health meeting was held in the Health Department at town hall. Resident Rudianne Collins attended this meeting because of her interest in becoming a Board member.

Meeting Open: 6:35 PM

AGENDA:

First item on the agenda is public health nurse update. Anita said Covid-19 cases are low. At the last meeting we were at 1.1 incidence and today we are at 3.9. The numbers reported as of last Thursday are 1,424 total cases, 273 hospitalized, 29 in ICU and 6 on ventilators. Anita said she is seeing a lot of lyme disease reported by the DPH. Anita said it is alarming that there is a 50% increase in strep infections. Greenbaum and Kadar-Hull said that they knew about the increase in strep infections, as well. Kadar-Hull asked Anita if she knew about the new Covid-19 variant and if we had any cases in MA. Anita said she does know about it and there are cases in 27 states, however, it is not pronounced in MA yet. Anita said this submutation carries one more diagnostic finding which is pink eye. Anita said no one is reporting a viral conjunctivitis yet. Kadar-Hull asked Anita for an update on listeria cases. Anita said the second listeria case was discharged from Anna Jacques and then went to Whittier Rehab. Unfortunately, while at Whittier this person was taken to Lawrence General due to acute respiratory failure and was admitted to the ICU and put on a ventilator. Anita said she is very pleased to report that this person got well and is now home. Anita said she asked the town administrator to do a press release to notify residents that the health department is now offering syringe disposal.

Next on the agenda is health agent update. Rosemary was unable to attend this meeting and submitted a report of her activities to the Board (see attached).

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Third on the agenda is vote for chairperson. Stepanian made a motion for David Greenbaum as Chairperson of the Board of Health effective May 1, 2023, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted 2-0.

We thanked Deb for her years of service to the Board of Health and, especially, for all her hard work during the Covid-19 pandemic. We wish her all the best in the future.

Last agenda item is review minutes for approval. Kadar-Hull made a motion to approve meeting minutes of March 30, 2023, Greenbaum seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Other agenda items not anticipated at time of posting. Lori told the Board that she placed the order with Orbis Corp. for 100 recycle bins and a copy of the order confirmation is in their packets. The estimated ship date is 5/16/23.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 PM

Next Board of Health Meeting will be scheduled as needed

Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst
Board of Health approved minutes 6/15/23