

Town of Mansfield
Board of Health
August 4, 2022 Minutes

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Mission Statement: The mission of the Mansfield Board of Health is to protect, preserve and improve the public health, environment, and wellbeing of our citizens through the enforcement of federal, state, and local statutes and regulations, education and promotion of sanitary living and working conditions, and protection of the environment from disease and pollution.

Present: Antonia Blinn; Chair, Graham Wilson; Clerk, Kasia Frenette, Michael Healey, Ryan Maxwell, Amy Donovan-Palmer; Health Agent. Wade Federici; Hangar 12 **Absent:** None

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Antonia Blinn.

II. Correspondence

None

III. Consent Agenda

Ms. Frenette makes motion to approve consent agenda, 2nd by Mr. Healey. Approved 5-0

IV. Acceptance of Minutes

May 5, 2022

- **Motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2022 made by Mr. Healey, 2nd Ms. Frenette. Approved 3-0-2.**

July 7, 2022

- **Motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2022 made by Mr. Healey, 2nd Mr. Maxwell. Approved 3-0-2**

V. Repeat P/Pf Food Violations: Hangar 12

Wade Federici from Hangar 12 attended.

Amy explained the nature of the violations. Two recent inspections, the repeat inspection was June 30th and there were two PF violations not corrected. Board policy is for person in charge to address the board in these situations. No reinspection's since June 30th. Wade described addressing the bandages and medicine items has been taken care of by placing them in a chafing dish to keep them separate from anything else.

Time/temperature control – date marking (any refrigerated food that is removed from its original packaging, the item must have its date on it). Wade discussed the difficulty of hiring people to address this issue, and that it has not been resolved. Mike Healey stated the responsibility falls to the manager. Expectations from Board are for policies and procedures/managerial oversight to be put in place. Wade responded that everything that comes in is dated. Mike Healey suggested that the BOH is available to aid establishments who need it. Wade mentioned he petitioned the Airport Board for more storage space. Ryan asked if there would be another inspection. Amy stated there will be.

VI. Risk-based fee schedule for food establishments

Request to go out of order and have Fire Chief (Public Health Nursing) next: **Motion to move Public Health agenda item up next made by Kasia, 2nd by Mike Healey. Passes 5-0.**

Mansfield has moved to a risk-based inspection schedule. Discussion continued regarding a fee-based permitting schedule. Amy reviewed the proposed changes to the permitting fee structure. Consideration was given to what the establishment does, prior violation history, etc. Amy has sent out two notices to food establishments notifying them that this change is being proposed.

VII. Public Health Nursing Report

Chief Desrosiers reviewed the fire department's role in public health nursing. MFD has taken on public nursing responsibilities. Has an MOA with Foxboro FD for specific nursing needs (2nd in command at FFD is an RN). Mansfield PD has a mental health professional through a grant, and Chief Desrosiers has plans to work with them in the future.

- Working with COA to put lock boxes on homes to of elderly to avoid damaging property to gain emergency access.
- MFD has been working closely with Sturdy Hospital since Norwood Hospital is still being renovated. During COVID, MFD and Sturdy worked to provide some services in people's homes.
- Work with Mansfield Schools - COVID put a halt to many programs, but Chief Desrosiers is looking to get programming back up with the schools.
- Mansfield Housing Authority – worked with them to get MHA residents vaccinated against COVID.
- MFD doesn't work with suicide risk directly, but they do in conjunction with the MPD POP Team.
- Future – working on flu shot clinics. Contract with pharmacies but hope to handle flu shots internally going forward. Looking to reinstate health fairs.
- Chief Desrosiers provided a list of programs (see attached).

Mike asked about oversight on the program. There is a regional medical person who is paid for by 10 towns, including Mansfield, and while his role does overlap, he is not directly attached to this program. Chief Desrosiers reiterated that child's car seat installations are by appointment only. Chief Desrosiers responded to Mike's question about when things will get back to normal and he is hopeful that this fall/beginning of school year will mark that. Antonia asked how our staffing for this compares to other towns. Chief Desrosiers states that we have 5 people trained for Public Nursing. Some other towns only have one other person.

VIII. Mansfield Community Health Assessment Presentation by Kevin Sassaman, MPH Candidate

Mr. Sassaman is Health Department intern who is a graduate student at UMASS Amherst. Mr. Sassaman presented his Community Health Assessment. Mr. Sassaman had 5 themes for his presentation.

Community – People feel connected to their neighbors and town.

Activity – People of Mansfield find activity important, and many have ideas to increase activity, especially in children.

COVID-19 – Many people brought up COVID-19 and the sense of getting back to pre-COVID life and the aftereffects on mental health.

Mental Health – Many people mentioned COVID-19 in conjunction with mental health. People are concerned about rising issues in mental health in society but are unsure about what resources are available.

Communication & Collaboration – Many interviewees stated that they felt communication can be slightly lacking because if you aren't on social media, you miss a lot of information and you end up having to hear about things via word of mouth.

The presentation wrapped up with recommendations for the Town of Mansfield going forward.

IX. Board of Health Goals Subcommittee

Mike and Antonia initially volunteered to look at this before COVID. Mike Healey and Kasia Frenette volunteered to review goals and generate ideas.

X. Infectious Disease Update: COVID-19, Monkeypox

Ms. Frenette spoke as regional epidemiologist. No updates for COVID. Moved away from sending out alerts and newsflashes and just updating website weekly. Board discussed looking at COVID hospitalization data as a metric for tracking.

Monkeypox – as of 8/4/22, the outbreak is a public health emergency. State Department of Public Health is assisting towns with contact tracing, etc. Approximately 26,000 cases globally. No cases in Mansfield. 2 contacts being monitored. Monitoring happens for 21 days at the current time. No quarantine for contact currently. More testing will become available. Vaccinations are available for those in MA who meet the CDC criteria. Mass DPH will expand eligibility when more vaccines become available. Kasia met with Communications Director at Sturdy Memorial Hospital. Lots of information on town website. There have been a few insect-borne disease instances but noting out of the ordinary.

XI. Waste Reduction Committee

No Updates

XII. Bristol-Norfolk Public Health Partners Coalition Grants Update

Amy shared meeting minutes with the Board. Regional food inspector has been great, and our FOG spreadsheet is up to date. Housing inspector has been instrumental in assisting with housing inspections.

XIII. Department Updates

FOG Update from Paul Gilpin

PFAS - BOH is invited to Town Manager's presentation on PFAS. Meeting is September 7th. Will be posted as BOH meeting as we will have quorum by virtue of us all attending.

Website/Social Media Update - Regional Epidemiologist (Ms. Frenette) has been doing a lot of the updating regarding COVID.

Housing Inspections - Clifford was able to help do hotel inspections as well as a couple other housing inspections.

Grant Applications - NONE

Innovative/Alternative Technology in Septic Systems - We have systems in town that require certain special treatment plans due to their locations. Health Agent has reached out to a few locations to get inspections done.

Family Fun Night Summary - People stopped by the tent and talked about public health with the Health Agent and intern.

Amy is now a certified lead determinator and can test for lead in households.

XIV. Visitor Comments

NONE

XV. Items Not Known 48 Hours Prior

NONE

XVI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Ms. Blinn at 9:06pm.


Clerk

10/6/22
Date