

Town of Natick

Board of Health

May 1, 2023 via ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Karla H. Sangrey, PE, Chair; Peter A. Delli Colli, DMD, Vice Chair; Donald J. Breda, PE, Clerk

Also Present: Michael K. Boudreau, MPA, RS/REHS, Director of Public Health

Absent: none

Call to Order: Chair Sangrey called the meeting to order via roll call, Dr. Delli Colli and Ms. Sangrey both present remotely

Citizens' Concerns: none presented

Mr. Breda joined the meeting, also remotely.

Discussion and Decision: April 3, 2023 meeting minutes

The draft minutes were reviewed and discussed.

Dr. Delli Colli made a motion to accept the March 6, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Ms. Sangrey seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Update(s): COVID-19

Overall the positivity rates, hospitalization numbers and wastewater testing results are still going down. Natick's positivity rate is down by half from last month.

To align with the end of the Federal Public Health emergency, the State's COVID-19 public health emergency will also end May 11, 2023.

At this time, it is anticipated that access to the currently available data will remain.

Mr. Boudreau will keep the Board informed as updates regarding the status of being fully vaccinated is determined by the Center for Disease Control.

Discussion: Funeral Director license, Brian Massarotti, Everett Funeral Home

Mr. Boudreau notified the Board a new Funeral Director has begun work in Natick. Mr. Massarotti's State Funeral Director License is current and in good standing at this time.

After a short discussion, Mr. Breda made a motion to license Mr. Massarotti as a Funeral Director in the Town of Natick.

Dr. Delli Colli seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Discussion and Decision: Biological Safety Permit Fees(s)

Mr. Boudreau reminded the Board that at their last meeting he was asked to return with a more tiered approach to the annual fees.

Mr. Boudreau suggests the following annual fee schedule:

- BSL-1- \$250.00
- BSL-2; up to 10,000 square feet- \$500.00
- BSL 2; 10,001 to 40,000 square feet- \$750.00
- BSL-2; > 40,001 square feet- \$1,000.00

Mr. Boudreau told the Board that these fees better reflect Health Department resources spent inspecting biological research lab facilities inherent in the biosafety level involved. The applicable fee will be required upon initial and renewal applications. All permit renewals for Institutions utilizing biological agents are valid from March 1 to February 28 of the following year. Renewals will need to be submitted by January 31 of each year.

There was a discussion about the size of laboratories already located in Natick, coverage of Health Department costs and outside consultant fees that will be required and paid for by the applicant.

Mr. Breda made a motion to approve the Biological Safety License annual fee structure as presented. Dr. Delli Colli seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Health Department Update(s):

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the Health Department has been very involved in creating an extensive town wide campaign to offer more education, training and awareness for both residents and town employees. Special thanks to Jessica Cliff, Mishel Caisapanta, Katie Sugarman and Lizzy Chalfin.

Currently scheduled internal and external events/training:

May 2, 2023 Employee Health Fair

May 4, 2023 Seed the Tree, add to the tree your response to 'How Can We Support Each Other'

May 8, 2023 Webinar: Mental Health Essentials, by Mental Health Collaborative & Senator Spilka

May 13, 2023 Mental Health Resources available at the Farmer's Market Booth

May 15, 2023 Wear your Green Ribbon all Week, ribbons available at most of the above events

May 17, 2023 Webinar: Youth Discuss Mental Health, by Families for Depression Awareness

May 22, 23, 24 & 25, 2023 Understanding Trauma, all First Responders are welcome

May 23, 2023 Mental Health Awareness session, all employees are welcome

May 24, 2023 QPR Suicide Prevention Training presented by Natick 180

May 25, 2023 Mental Health Awareness session, all employees are welcome

May 30. 2023 Mental Health Awareness session for Supervisors, all Department Heads welcome

There will also be many large and small awareness banners, posters and green ribbon window clings visible around town.

Monticello Motel is still in the process of complying with the corrective actions. Narcan Training has been completed for the employees. There are a couple of people who have been in the same unit for one year or more which makes it more difficult to move them to another room. Monitoring will continue.

Flouride update: there is a one-year supply right now with no anticipated supply chain issues at this time

A Sanitary Sewer Overflow situation occurred on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the intersection of Worcester Street East Bound (Route 9) and Walnut Street. The cause was a broken forcemain and the break was repaired the same day. All the proper notifications were made in a timely manner.

At Earth Day on Saturday, April 29, 2023, the Health Department had a display for information regarding ticks and mosquitoes. Many questions were answered. Tickets for Household Hazardous Waste Day were sold as well. Thank you to Jessica Cliff, Chris Craig and Jean Cotter.

Also as part of Earth Day, Natick 180 staff helped clean a portion of the Cochituate Rail Trail. Thank you Katie Sugarman and Lizzy Chalfin.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day event is next Saturday, May 6, 2023. To date, 251 tickets (out of 300) are sold.

Board Member Update(s):

Ms. Sangrey updated the Board the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) levels for polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS are still under review and the comment period for the new draft regulations has been extended. The new regulation may affect private wells.

Ms. Sangrey reminded everyone that the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) will continue to conduct waste water screening for Coronavirus among other viruses.

Next Meeting(s): The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023

Adjourn: Mr. Breda made a motion to adjourn
Ms. Sangrey seconded the motion.
There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Respectfully submitted,



Peter A. Delli Colli, DMD, Clerk

Documents at this meeting:

draft meeting minutes 04-03-2023

<https://www.mass.gov/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

<https://www.mwra.com/biobot/biobotdata.htm>

memo biological safety permit fees

SSO Notificate Form 2023-4-27

Natick Supports Mental Health Flyer