

Dover Board of Health - Dover Board Covid 19 Meeting - May 26 2022

Held remotely - via zoom - meeting recorded

Members present; Dr. Kay Petersen; Dr. Stephen Kruskall; Professor John Quackenbush,PHD 1.

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

2. A motion was made by Dr. Kay Petersen to serve as Chair for a one year term, seconded by John Quackenbush, PHD, the motion passed unanimously.
3. Board of Health Meeting Schedule;
 - 2 meetings per month will be held.
 - The first Monday of the month 6-6:30 pm, will be the traditional Board of Health meeting
 - The second Board of Health meeting will be held the third Monday of the month at 9am.
 - Agenda items should be submitted to the Chair 2 business days prior to the meeting.
4. A Motion was made by Steve Kruskall, seconded by Kay Petersen to approve the meeting minutes from 4-14-2022 and 4-21-2022 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment Discussion;
 - Steve Kruskall stated the public should have the opportunity to speak, excluding the public commentary would be viewed as anti-democratic.
 - John Quackenbush suggested the opportunity to speak should be offered at the beginning of the meeting with a minimum of 3-5 minutes.
6. Board Member Adjustment and Change:
 - Professor Clarke was approached by a resident about a BOH matter. Steve Kruskall and John Quackenbush suggested the new Chair, Kay Petersen, call Professor Clarke and ask him to refer resident questions to the Board.
 - Steve Kruskall stated that Kay Petersen has the right to speak with Professor Clarke while not breaking any open meeting laws.
 - John Quackenbush is hopeful that with a new Health Agent coming on board these questions will be fielded and answered by the agent.
7. Health Agent: The Health Agent position has been sent to the Personnel Board.
8. Covid 19:
 - Quad Brooks, Public Health Nurse, Natick-Walpole VNA was asked by the Board to not do any extra contact tracing beyond what is covered by our retainer. The Board agreed to forego contact tracing unless there is an outbreak at the childcare level.

- Schools are doing their own contact tracing.
- The 2 part-time Shared Services Tracers are still working with families. The State will no longer supply free testing to schools in the fall.
- DESE continues to provide guidance on isolation and quarantine on their website.

9. Camps and Antigen Testing:

- Camp Grossman is using the Test and Stay Program

10. John Quackenbush will provide information in the Chat regarding links about insurance coverage and how to obtain tests through the mail.

11. Messaging: Boosters for children ages 5-12 may be FDA approved by the end of next week.

12. Steve Kruskall reported the Swap Shop is up and running, it is well ventilated with the use of open doors and windows.

13. Dover EMS:

- Steve Kruskall was approached by a couple of citizens with concerns of EMS response time.
- Kay Petersen will call Tim Surgenor Dover EMS to discuss.

14. Open Gov: Discussion was held regarding Open Gov which will include an online permit system. The Board will invite Dave Sullivan, IT Director to a future meeting to discuss permitting and record storage.

15. Horse Manure Regulations; the horse manure issue has been resolved. Amy Moot, from the Conservation Commission created a brochure containing information about existing regulations that could possibly be distributed to horse owners.

16. Tick Banner: The Tick Banner the BOH had in the past is missing. It should have been put on the Town lawn the 3rd week of May. The Board agreed to obtain a new banner. Dr. Quackenbush and Mary Kalamaras have obtained a photo of the previous banner and will submit it to Karen in order to purchase a new one. Tick prevention information will be on the Dover Website.

17. Board of Health Files:

- Steve Kruskall would like to ensure the security of the Board's files,
- A table has been requested for the office for residents to sit and review files. For better security a suggestion of locking file cabinets was made.

18. Monkey Pox: The Board does not think that there is any need for messaging about monkey pox at this time.

19. Childhood Immunizations: Kay Petersen will speak with Nurse Brooks, Public Health Nurse about the nationwide decline in childhood immunizations.

20. The MRPC Region 4AB Hazard Vulnerability Analysis questionnaire was reviewed by Dr. Petersen

21. Dover Days; The Board discussed having a booth at the next Dover Days Fair.

22. Dr. Matt Vitale has been elected as the Chairman of the Sherborn Board of Health

23. Mary Kalamaras and Professor Quackenbush thanked the Board for their warm welcome today.

24. At 8:27 pm, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.