

Minutes, Dover Board of Health Meeting 6/24/2021 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Gerald Clarke, Steve Kruskall, Kay Petersen, Daryl Beardsley, Ellen Hartnett, Jeff Waldron, Marian Neutra

With Sherborn participants

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

1. Combined mtg with Sherborn 6/21/2021 to discuss vaccination in the schools. There won't be time for discussion of other agenda items with Dover BOH
2. We will continue with remote meetings for now. Will explore the possibility of hybrid meetings.
3. Public Health Excellence grant for shared services: Gerry working with Needham on responding to RFP.
4. Grant for shared contact tracing services: Sherborn wants to continue with the WNVNA, as does Dover, though both expressed concern about surge capacity once the CTC shuts down. Dover collaborating w/Needham in response to RFP. Sherborn has a 3 yr contract with the VNA
5. PFAS testing of private wells:
 - a. Dover: a few + but not exceeding acceptable limit
 - b. Sherborn: several + but only one over the limit of 20
6. We discussed the importance of strengthening groundwater protection regulations and of collaborating with towns w/similar needs. Might consider reaching out to Carlisle, for example.
7. Mosquito control: We discussed the lack of effectiveness of aerial spraying. The deadline for opting out has passed but may be flexible. Sherborn hasn't opted out. Gerry called DAR to ask about Dover opting out. No response. He will try again. Ellen noted that aerial spraying is a measure of last resort, e.g. if EEE is detected in mosquitos.
8. Privacy of PHI in emails initiated by Town residents: so far, we've found no evidence that any towns do anything about this. Gerry checking with Needham, Westwood, Medfield
9. Tick education: Gerry working on signs for trailheads (12). We could collaborate with Sherborn on this. Sherborn has 35-40 trailheads. Gerry will contact the Dover Open Space Committee (Greg Kahoun is working with Amy Moot on trail mapping). Trailheads are on Town ROW, so approval for sign placement may not be needed.
10. COVID: Marian has circulated several papers of interest re: vaccine efficacy and about prospects for respiratory illnesses going forward. We will stop weekly COVID messaging and issue alerts as needed.

Dover BOH

1. Posting of agendas must happen >2 business days prior to the meeting. Fridays count as a half-day. The Town Clerk would appreciate updated specific agendas rather than generic agendas. We will invite her to our 7/8/2021 meetings.
2. Swap Shop will reopen in about 6 mos
3. BOH Consultation: we agreed on 7/12 for the two meetings.
4. PT Admin Asst position: will be posted shortly. all BOH members want to interview.
5. Can we resume working with Dover seniors who want to volunteer with the BOH?
6. Reports of brown water by Colonial customers: awaiting DEP involvement.

At 11:45 am it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.