

Wellesley Board of Health
CONFERENCE CALL
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2020
2:30 pm

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, MPA, Chair
Marcia Testa Simonson, Vice Chair
Linda Oliver Grape, Secretary

Staff:

Ann Marie McCauley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor
Deadra Doku-Gardner, Administrator
Leonard Izzo, Director
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator
Joyce Saret, Community Social Worker

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.

1. Administration

a) Directors Report

Leonard Izzo provided the following updates:

- Mr. Izzo elaborated on the most recent issues surrounding Coronavirus in the Town of Wellesley (see below).

2. Community Health

a) Wellesley College

Mr. Izzo reported that Wellesley College (WC) has closed their campus to the public. WC reported that many residents had visited the campus and did not adhere to safe social distancing guidelines.

b) Social distancing and pets

Mr. Izzo reported that there continues to be complaints regarding residents at parks with dogs that are off leash. Mr. Izzo has addressed this with Sue Webb, Animal Control. Sue Webb will prepare a notice to residents on this issue.

c) Council on Aging and Health Department Initiative

Linda Grape reported on the Supporting Wellesley call center initiative. The call center has been staffed and to date has received a few calls.

3. Public Health Nursing

a) Coronavirus – cases etc.

Ann Marie McCauley reported that there have been no new cases reported on MAVEN today. Ms. McCauley and the nursing per diem staff continue working on contact investigations.

4) Environmental Health

a) Essential Services (Landscapers and Blowers)

Leonard Izzo addressed the essential services as presented by the Governor. Mr. Izzo reviewed the guidelines pertaining to landscapers and leaf blowers. A few residents have come forth citing possible dangerous effects of leaf blowers on the health of individuals and the environment. It is thought that a temporary ban on leaf blowers may help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The next conference call of the Board of Health is scheduled for April 3, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

Documents reviewed during this meeting and on-file in the Health Department:

- NONE