

Wallingford Board of Health
45 South Main Street, Town Hall, Rm 315
Minutes of May 8, 2024

Call to Order: 8:37 a.m. by Vanessa Bautista, Director of Health.

Present: Mayor Cervoni, Dr. Delbert Smith, Jeffrey Necio, Len Guercia, Kathy Neelon, Tracey Weeks

Guest: Anne Bernick, Public Health Nurse

Minutes: DRAFT Minutes, February 7, 2024, were approved as distributed.

Agenda:

School Health: Kathy Neelon

- Mentioned having nurses at all schools is important.
- Reported the schools have had a total of sixteen 911 calls.
- Schools have Food Allergy meetings required by the state.
- Indicated a family recently donated an AED for the James H. Moran Middle School.

Directors Report (See attached):

1. Infectious Diseases: Anne Bernick

- a. Anne Bernick reviewed Wallingford infectious disease data from January 1, 2024 to May 6, 2024:
 - 146 COVID-19 cases
 - 167 Influenza cases
 - 41 RSV cases
- b. Discussed TB monitoring.

2. Environmental: See the Director's report.

3. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response:

- a. Ongoing engagement in monthly MRC, CRI, and ESF 8 meetings.
- b. Conducted several First, CPR/AED courses for Wallingford High Schools, Youth and Social Services, Little League coaches, and Coalition for a Better Wallingford.
- c. In collaboration with Parks and Recreation, the Town received 9 AEDs donated from In A Heart Foundation to be installed in various outdoor parks with high activity levels.
- d. Participated in tabletop exercises including the Pandemic Influenza TTX, Chempack TTX, and Measles TTX.

4. Community Outreach/ Health Education: See the Director's report.

- a. Sanitarians will be conducting a Certified Food Protection Manager Course on May 14 & May 21 (Certificate required by all Food Service Establishments classified as 2, 3, and 4s)
- b. Spanish Radon Training to be held at SCOW on May 15, 2024 – Attendees will be given radon kits to test for radon in their homes.
- c. Planning and inviting various local Town organizations and vendors to be part of our Wallingford Health and Wellness Fair.
- d. Tabling at the Garden Market starting this month.

5. Community Partnership: See the Director's report.

6. Public Health Policies:

- a. Food Ordinance, Chapter 122 has been revised to align with the FDA Model Food Code awaiting approval from Ordinance Committee.
- b. Action level for Lead Standards (Public Act 22-49) to be lowered from $\geq 10\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$ to $\geq 5\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$ effective 1/1/25.

7. Competent Workforce and Development: See the Director's Report

8. Administrative: See the Director's Report

- a. The PH Workforce Development grant will support retaining the full-time PH Educator/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position until January 1, 2025, and will also fund ongoing staff training.
- b. ARPA funding allocated for lead (Pb) will be utilized to assemble lead cleaning kits as part of our community health program aimed at addressing lead poisoning.

Meeting adjourned: 8:58am

Next Meeting: September 4, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Bautista

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