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Minutes of the Westwood Board of Health meeting held on March 22, 2022

The meeting began at 5:00 PM and was held at the Carby Street Municipal Office Building, 50 Carby Street, Westwood.

Members Present: Roger Christian, M.D., Chairperson
Carol Ahearn, R.N., B.S.N.
Shelley Reeve, R.N., B.S.N., J.D.

Staff Present: Jared Orsini, REHS/RS, Health Director
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Approval of Minutes: February 15, 2022

Dr. Christian moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Ahearn seconded, approved 3-0-0.

Public Health Nurse Report:

Ms. Sullivan has continued contact tracing for COVID cases, which have decreased. There was a case of Hepatitis B, 3 cases of Lyme and 3 cases of Norovirus in MAVEN. The Norovirus cases were confined to the same adult group home. Dr. Christian asks if we are seeing only new COVID infections or people who are being re-infected. Ms. Sullivan has only seen 2 cases of reinfection in people who had COVID in the past 90 days, most cases of re-infection are occurring in people who had COVID 6 months-1 year ago.

Health Director Report

Upcoming Food Establishment Applications for Spring 2022
COVID-19 Updates

There are 3 new food establishments coming to Westwood this spring. Two of the new establishments will be located in Islington, the first one is owned by someone who grew up in Westwood, it is an Italian restaurant and market.

The second is the "Muffin House", which has 2 locations in towns nearby and they will serve breakfast items and baked goods.

The third establishment is located in Southwest Park and is called "Gatehouse Kitchens." This is an incubator

space that will have 20 hot/cold kitchen spaces they will rent to caterers, food trucks, etc. Each of the operators that lease space will have to have a food permit as well.

Mr. Kwagala has prepared a report for the Board describing his inspections in February.

Mr. Orsini reports that there have been 31 COVID cases since March 1st. We have purchased 600 test kits and about 500 have already been given out to residents. The Google form for reporting a home test result is active on the website and about 12 residents have notified us they tested positive. We have been dropping test kits off to folks who have an ill person in the household and that has been working out well.

DPH has indicated that half of the cases sequenced in MA are the new COVID BA2 variant, which seems to have less severe symptoms. A 4th booster shot has not been recommended for everyone at this point, however, that could change.

There was a spike in cases at the Sheehan School once the mask mandate ended and kids came back from February vacation.

Meeting adjourned 5:45 PM