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Minutes of the Westwood Board of Health meeting held on June 28, 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 L. Christian, M.D., Chairperson
Shelley Reeve, R.N., B.S.N., J.D.

Staff Present: Jared Orsini, REHS/RS, Health Director
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Approval of Minutes: May 24, 2022

Dr. Christian moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Reeve seconded, approved 2-0-0.

Vote of Re-Appointment of Dr. Henry D'Angelo, Board of Health Physician

Dr. Christian makes a motion to reappoint Dr. Henry D'Angelo as Board of Health Physician, Ms. Reeve seconded, approved 2-0-0.

Health Director Report
Coronavirus Update
Vaccine Update
Summer Camp Updates

COVID cases have dropped in June, 95 cases compared to 205 in May. COVID vaccine has been approved for children 6 months and older and will most likely be done at a physician's office or specific locations. We had between 10-20 home test results reported to us in June and there were about 50-60 reported in May. We have received home test kits from the Commonwealth and we will devise a plan to offer these kits to the residents soon.

Pool and beach inspections have been completed, there is one spa at the Courtyard Marriott that is not operational, repairs are needed. Camp inspections are underway and there will be about 8 or

9 more to do next week. Dr. Christian asks about water testing at the Hale beaches. Mr. Orsini explains that Hale uses an independent lab to perform the water tests for coliform each week, these results are then reported to the Health Department and DPH.

Temporary food events have been increasing, especially at Hale.

Gatehouse Kitchens is almost ready and they will have individual operators that will be applying for food permits. The Muffin House has opened in Islington and a new market, Neroli, is under construction there as well and the owner will also be opening a new restaurant in the coming months.

Public Health Nurse Report:

Ms. Sullivan has still seen flu cases coming into the MAVEN system, 4 cases in June. Several viruses we do not typically see here were reported in MAVEN this month.

There was one case of Shigella, a bacterial infection that can be food borne and travel related.

In this case, the person did travel out of the country and it seems to be from eating produce.

There was a case of Dengue Fever, a mosquito virus. The resident here has a home in another country and became symptomatic with fever, rash, vomiting, body aches. There was one case of Viral Encephalitis, not travel or tick related, but can be caused from the herpes virus and Epstein Barre; neuro inflammation, seizures and mental state impairment can result. There was also a case of Anaplasmosis, which is tick related and causes fever, chills, body aches and some people end up hospitalized.

So far there have been no cases of Monkey Pox reported in Westwood, there have been 13 cases in MA and about 240 in the US and 3,000 worldwide.

Mr. Kwagala has a written report and he describes his inspections in May.

Meeting adjourned 5:40 PM