

Town of Westwood

Commonwealth of Massachusetts **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Jared Orsini, REHS/RS, Health Director Lorraine Donovan, Administrative Assistant Margaret M. Sullivan, R.N., M.S.N., Public Health Nurse Ivan Kwaqala, REHS/RS, Food Inspector/Sanitarian Roger L. Christian, M.D., Chairperson Carol Ahearn, R.N., B.S.N Shelley Reever, R.N., B.S.N., J.D

Minutes of the Westwood Board of Health meeting held on July 26, 2022

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

Members Present: Carol Ahearn, R.N., B.S.N

Shelley Reever, R.N., B.S.N., J.D.

Staff Present: Jared Orsini, REHS/RS, Health Director

Lorraine Donovan, Administrative Assistant

Margaret M. Sullivan, R.N., M.S.N., Public Health Nurse Ivan Kwagala, REHS/RS, Food Inspector/Sanitarian

Approval of Minutes: June 28, 2022

Ms. Reever moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Ahearn seconded, approved 2-0-0.

Vote to approve the Norfolk County 8 Local Public Health Coalition Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) for Public Health Excellence and Shared Services Grant, and recommend to the Select Board that they approve and authorize the signing of the contract by the Town Administrator

These grants were previously awarded to NC8, they are the Public Health Excellence & Shared Services Grant. The Board needs to vote to accept and approve the contracts associated with them. The funds have been used to hire 2 epidemiologists and a social worker to assist with COVID recovery; \$300k has already been awarded and potentially NC8 could receive up to \$800k.

These shared funds help the 8 local health departments pay for expenses they would not be able to on their own. Mr. Orsini asks the Board if the have any questions and they do not. Ms. Ahearn makes a motion to vote to approve the Norfolk County 8 Local Public Health Coalition Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA) for Public Health Excellence and Shared Services Grant, and recommend to the Select Board that they approve and authorize the signing of the contract by the Town Administrator, Ms. Reever seconded, approved 2-0-0.

Public Health Nurse Report:

Ms. Sullivan has had 1 case of Flu reported in MAVEN, as well as 3 cases of tick related diseases; 1 Lyme, 1 Anaplasmosis, 1 Babesiosis. There was one case of a food borne illness, Campylobacter. So far in July there have been 55 reported COVID cases and numbers are down from June. We still have COVID test kits available for residents at town buildings for free. The "Stop the Spread" testing sites throughout MA will remain open until next March.

Meeting adjourned 5:10 PM