

BOH MEETING MINUTES

09/07/2022

Attending
Bridget Sweet, Chair
Jeff Harris, Vice-Chair
Timothy Cochrane Jr., Member

In attendance or via remote: Bridget Sweet, Chair; Jeff Harris, Vice-Chair; Member Timothy Cochrane Jr.; Cathleen Liberty, Director; John Robertson, Health Inspector; Alicia Deptula, Public Health Nurse; Cassie Montiero, Epidemiologist; Steve Sherlock recording and Alan Earls. Absent: Ginny McNeil, Health Inspector and Melissa Kiriacopoulos.

Meeting called to order 5:00 pm

❖ Reading and acceptance of June 1, 2022 minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Director Liberty updated and introduced the new Metacomet Regional Health Inspector John Robertson who started in July, 2022 with us. John updated the board with his monthly report for August, 2022.
- Director Liberty updated the board on the recent purchase of flu vaccines for both over 65 years and under 65 years.
- **MDPH Baseline Capacity Assessment:**
Director Liberty updated the board on changes through MDPH (Mass Dept. of Public Health) regarding local health departments. 309 communities are now part of a shared service grant. Director Liberty stated that over the next 6 months the DPH will conduct a baseline capacity assessment to understand and document the current status of local and regional public health services across the state. Director Liberty will update the board once the assessment is completed.
- **Health Fair Discussion:**
Director Liberty notified the board of the Health Fair coming up on October 19, 2022.
- **BOH meeting on Google:**
Director Liberty asked the board if they wanted to continue accessing the meeting via remote. The board has decided that it is a necessity to keep meetings accessible via hybrid.

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Regional Inspector's Report

John Robertson, Health Inspector, updated the board with the monthly report for Franklin the month of August, 2022.

Public Health Nurse Update

Public Health Nurse Alicia Deptula updated the board with a public health report for the month of August, 2022.

Metacomet Shared Service Grant Epidemiologist

Cassia Monteiro, Epidemiologist, updated the board with an epidemiologist report for the month of August, 2022.

4) CITIZENS COMMENTARY

Steve Sherlock stated that he was in favor for keeping meetings hybrid.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Jeff Harris motions to adjourn, seconded by Chair, Bridge Sweet. Roll call vote to adjourn by Chair, Bridget Sweet, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeff Harris. Roll call vote to adjourn meeting at 5:32pm.