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COHASSET BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday September 20, 2022
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Online Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present:

Michael Pollastri, PhD, Chair
Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Vice Chair
Robin Lawrence, DDS, MPH, Clerk
Recording Secretary: Amy Davis

Public Health Director:

Pam Fahey, MPH, SE
Public Health Nurse:
Mary Goodwin, RN,

6:30 P.M. Meeting called to order.

6:31 P.M. Public Hearing-New Pool Regulations

In attendance for this hearing: John Hallin, Director of Planning, Permits, & Inspections (PP&I)

Material used for this agenda item: Draft of proposed swimming pool regulations

Dr. Pollastri read the following Public Hearing notice:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COHASSET BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Cohasset Board of Public Health will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 6:30 PM virtually via a Zoom webinar, to review proposed Private Residential Pool Regulations. The proposed regulations that will require fencing encompassing pool areas are available for review on the Board of Public Health page on the Town's website at <http://www.cohassetma.org/290/Board-of-Health>. The public is welcome to attend the Zoom hearing using login information available on the agenda that will be posted on the Town of Cohasset website or submit their input in writing by emailing pfahey@cohassetma.org prior to the hearing.

John Hallin, Director of PP&I, reviewed the proposed pool regulations with the Board. The State Building Code allows for an electronic cover over a pool which eliminates the need for a fence around a pool. The code does not account for the cover being damaged, loss of power, or breakage. Neighboring Towns (Scituate, Hingham, Hull, and Dennis) have put pool regulations in place through the Board of Health. Hingham has a 6-foot fence regulation, Hull & Scituate have a 5-foot fence regulation, and Dennis has a 4-foot fence regulation which is the State regulation.

Mr. Hallin received a call this summer where an electronic pool cover was broken in the open position with no fence surrounding the pool. Parts were going to take several weeks, and the pool was covered with the winter cover for safety purposes. Mr. Hallin talked with Ms. Fahey of what could be done to prevent a potential catastrophe from happening. Ms. Fahey after reviewing State Pool Regulations and speaking to Town counsel put together pool regulations for the Board to review.

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Board Comments

Dr. Pollastri asked Mr. Hallin: The other Towns that passed these regulations was it the Board of Health that approved them? Are these new regulations to replace the regulations you referred to or is this in addition to them?

Mr. Hallin responded: Yes, the regulations were passed by the neighboring Towns BOH. No, these regulations are not to replace the Building Code Regulations. Currently the Building Code Regulations require a 4-foot minimum fence. With an automatic cover the State Code eliminates the fence requirements which could be a safety issue.

Dr. Lawrence questioned: In the proposed regulations a 5-foot fence is mentioned and that could create some issues with the State Attorney General. Dr. Lawrence recommends going back to a 4-foot fence which is the State requirement.

Mr. Hallin thanked Dr. Lawrence for bringing this up, it's a very good point and was discussed with Town counsel.

Public Comment

None

Ms. Fahey reviewed the following proposed pool regulations with the Board. After reviewing the regulations and making changes The Board agreed to accept the pool regulations. Ms. Fahey will send the draft to Town counsel for review.

PROPOSED COHASSET REGULATIONS GOVERNING RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOLS

As authorized by Sec. 31, Chap. 111 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Cohasset Board of Public Health makes the following **Cohasset Regulations Governing Residential Swimming Pools**:

Regulation 1: Definitions

Residential Swimming Pool

- a. means a swimming pool established or maintained by an individual for their own or family's use, or for use of personal guests of their household. The pool may be located in the ground or above ground. This includes every artificial pool of water having a depth of two feet or more with a minimum of 2,000 gallons and used for swimming or bathing, located indoors or outdoors, together with the bathhouses, equipment, and appurtenances used in connection with the pool.

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Regulation 2: Approval

- a. No person shall construct or install a Residential Swimming Pool or remodel or otherwise make any structural or operational change in an existing pool until the Board of Public Health has approved such construction, installation, remodeling or change as not in reasonable likelihood endangering the public health. Adequate plans and specifications for such construction, installation, remodeling, or change shall be submitted to the Board of Public Health at the time of the request for its approval thereof.
- b. The Board of Public Health shall be notified of completion of the construction, installation, or remodeling of, or structural or operational change in a residential pool approved by it under the immediately preceding paragraph, and no use shall be made of such pool until such construction, installation, remodeling, or change has been inspected by it and found to have been done in accordance with the proposal.

Regulation 3: Filtration Systems

- a. After the effective date (September 20, 2022) of these regulations, all Residential Swimming Pools shall be equipped with and operated with a system for re-circulation and purification of the pool water, approved by the Board of Public Health as not in reasonable likelihood endangering public health.

Regulation 4: Water Source

- a. Water to be used in any Residential Pool shall be obtained from a reputable commercial or public source.

Regulation 5: Cross Connections

- a. No piping arrangement shall exist which under any circumstance will permit water from any Residential Swimming Pool or re-circulation system to enter any domestic water supply, or will permit sewage, wastewater, or any water of unknown or questionable quality to enter the pool or pool piping system.

Regulation 6: Location

- a. Every Residential Swimming Pool shall be located at least 20 feet from a cesspool, 10 feet from a septic tank, 20 feet from a subsurface leaching field, 10 feet from a cellar wall, and 10 feet from a slab foundation.

Regulation 7: Wastewater Disposal

- a. Wastewater resulting from the draining and cleaning of a Residential Swimming Pool, or backwash water resulting from the cleaning of the filter apparatus, must be dechlorinated prior to discharge.

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- b. Under no circumstances may water from a Residential Swimming Pool be drained into a storm drain or into wetlands.
- c. Residential Swimming Pools are subject to applicable local building, plumbing and electrical code requirements.

Regulation 8: Fencing Requirements

- a. The owner of any Residential Swimming Pool shall erect a durable fence at least four feet in height, completely and firmly secured to the ground, encompassing the pool with a self-latching gate. If the fence is constructed of an opaque material a board, stockade or vinyl structure, the height shall be at least 4 feet, and no more than 6 feet, with no openings larger than 3 inches. Over that height the fence must be constructed from chain link, or any other material approved by the Building Inspector and must include a self-latching gate with latches placed 4 feet above the ground.
- b. The owner of any above ground pool must follow the same requirements as listed above (a.). A free-standing above ground pool requires a fold up ladder that locks. The ladder must be in the fold up position when the pool is not in use.
- c. Pools in existence on September 20, 2022, which were fenced at that time with a fence no less than four feet in height shall be deemed to comply with the above fencing requirements provided that the ladder or other points of access to the pool is enclosed by the fence and the fence is equipped with a self-closing, self-locking gate.

Separability:

So far as the Board of Public Health may provide, each section of these regulations shall be construed as separate to the end that if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase shall be held invalid for any reason, the remainder of these regulations shall continue in full force.

Adoption:

These regulations were adopted by unanimous vote of the Cohasset Board of Public Health, Town of Cohasset, Massachusetts on September 20, 2022, and are to be in full force and effect on and after September 20, 2022.

MOTIONED BY: Dr. Pollastri moved to accept the regulations governing pools as the Board drafted effective today.

SECONDED BY: Dr. Lawrence

VOTE: 3-0 MOTION CARRIED

7:10 P.M. Set Next Zoom Meeting Date Tuesday 27, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

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7:11 P.M. Approve Meeting Minutes from August 22, 2022

MOTIONED BY: Dr. Lawrence moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 22, 2022, as modified by Board members.

SECONDED BY: Ms. Kirkpatrick

VOTE: 3 -0 MOTION CARRIED

7:12 P.M. Board Reorganization

MOTIONED BY: Dr. Lawrence moved that Michael Pollastri remain as Board Chair, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick be Vice Chair, and Robin Lawrence be Clerk.

SECONDED BY: Ms. Kirkpatrick accepted & Dr. Pollastri accepted

VOTE: 3 -0 MOTION CARRIED

7:13 P.M. Public Health Director Report

Ms. Fahey informed the Board of updates regarding the PHE Grant. The Town officially has taken on Scituate and the letter of intent has been signed. A third Town was needed to secure the grant and be considered a regional group. The Health Department will receive \$300,000.00 annually for approximately 10 years. A Social Worker was hired for Cohasset who will work in partnership with Scituate's Social Worker. The Town continues to have someone cover the Maven database on the weekends for Cohasset and Hingham. A Title 5 inspector will be starting for Hingham. Scituate and Hingham will be looking to hire a nurse to share. Ms. Fahey mentioned the well project that took place this summer. Letters were sent out to residents having wells requesting them to fill out a survey on the Town website. Once permission was granted by well owners summer interns went to properties and used a GIS scanning system to record where the wells are located on the property. The interns then that downloaded the information to the Towns GIS system. Out of 200 letters that were sent about 50 people responded.

Ms. Fahey has been sending the Board the following weekly reports

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending August 26, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – call addressed drought issues; monkey pox update; and discussed new Isolation and Exposure Guidance (replaces quarantine that is no longer required) for COVID.

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- Scituate PHE Grant Meeting – I met with Drew Scheele, Scituate Health Director, as well as Erika (Scituate social worker) and Stephanie Saunders (Cohasset social worker). Drew immediately agreed to join the PHE grant group. He agreed to the upcoming Capacity Assessment that each town must commit to and to have his board chair sign an MOU. This decision gives us the necessary three town minimum to continue on in future years (10 year commitment) to receive an annual grant worth \$300,000 per year for shared public health services.
- Board of Public Health Meeting – Board voted to approve an Animal/Stable permit for 318 Forest Avenue; Board voted to sign a document that would extinguish a septic easement agreement for homes located at 79, 83, 85 and 87 Atlantic Avenue that were connected to public sewer in 2007; and Board agreed to support a warrant article that would allow vaccine

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reimbursement to be deposited into a revolving account to be used for public health nursing support and projects.

- Cook Estate – Spoke with Jane Reardon (resident and former condo president). The project engineer was informed with week that the main grinder pump for Cook is on back order until November 1st. All infrastructure will be in place when the pump arrives. The project generator and the E1 pump for the abutting property have been received and are in place.
- 380-400 CJC Sewer – new lights recently installed behind Stop & Shop are extremely bright and shining into the homes at Cook Estate. I forwarded the complaint to John Hallin.
- Beach results were once again acceptable this week. I delivered the Sandy Beach sample to G&L lab in Quincy in order to collect a sample at low tide due to the heavy presence of seaweed. Earlier in the week I had met with Annette Sawchuck and the conservation agent to see if it would be possible to bury a large amount of seaweed located at the high tide line that promotes bacteria and flies. We were in agreement.
- Cohasset Lobster Pound - Lorrie Gibbons (Harbormaster) lodged a complaint against the Lobster Pound for dumping bait and dead lobsters into the harbor resulting in bad odors. I stopped by and spoke to the owner, Tommy, and he agreed to stop the practice.
- Scituate Racquet Club - conducted a pool inspection. I gave the owner a list of four violations to work on and he sent me an update this week with compliance activities.
- 750 CJC – Ordered a Title 5 inspection for the building septic. A new butcher shop has applied for a permit and the septic system may be 60 years old with no design plan, no as-built plan, no pumping records and no records of a Title 5 inspection on file with Board of Public Health. The property owner reached out to Rosano Davis to schedule an inspection.
- NACCHO Infectious Disease Webinar – attended webinar, topics included avian influenza, bacterial meningococcal disease outbreak in Florida, and monkeypox.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending September 2, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – No call this week.

NON-COVID-19

- PHE Grant Meeting – I hosted a PHE grant meeting with Bethany Griles (local DPH representative for Southeastern MA), Antonella Parks (statewide DPH PHE grant rep) and Brian Luther (our MAPC grant partner) in Cohasset. We discussed our plans for the FY2023. While ultimately DPH wants us to hire permanent staff, they recognize the need for contractors so they will seek permission for our group to hire a Title 5 inspector for Hingham. They were very pleased that Scituate rejoined the group. DPH will be rolling out the Capacity Assessment soon beginning with surveys to employees and possibly board members as well.
- Cook Estate – the easement agreement between Cook, the abutters and the town has been signed. Still working on the financial agreement between Cook and the town for long term payment of fees. Still waiting for the back-ordered pump for Cook. All directional drilling has been completed successfully.

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- 380-400 CJC Sewer – developer pushed to have sewer approval for 390 CJC from sewer commission. Sewer Commission voted to approve the connection contingent upon completion of four outstanding construction issues. I asked the commission why the connection to new construction at 390 CJC is being allowed in the plaza before connecting the failed system at 380 CJC. The sewer commission asked the developer for a schedule in writing specifying when the 380 CJC connection would be complete. The DPH administrative consent order specifies October 2022.
- Beach results were once again acceptable this week. Sampling has concluded for the season. There were no beach closures for the entire season, most likely due to the severe drought conditions throughout the summer.
- Loco Larry's Tacos – inspected and permitted a food truck for a local event.
- 750 CJC – Rosano Davis will perform a Title 5 inspection on September 9th. System is at least 60 years old with no design or maintenance records. This was prompted by a change in use in the building, specifically a new butcher shop that will require new features like hand washing sinks, a 3-bay sink, dishwasher, etc.
- MAVEN Infectious Disease Webinar – attended webinar regarding case investigations for cryptosporidium and shigella.
- New Pool Regulations – ahead of the next BoPH meeting, I posted a meeting notice in the Patriot Ledger advertising proposed new pool regulations that will require a fence around all private pools.
- King Street Dunkin Donuts – responded to an anonymous female caller complaint about undercooked food and workers handling ice with no gloves. Met with long-time store manager. She showed me the ice scoop that has a hand shield that allows them to not wear gloves. I viewed their daily food log and observed that they did heat and hold eggs to the proper temperature. Woman was rude to staff and also complained to corporate. No further action was required.
- Reviewed and approved permits on Permit Eyes. Reviewed Title 5 reports.
- Completed a formal job description for the Stephanie's social worker position and submitted it to HR Director Kim Roy.
- Flu Clinics - set up new flu clinics in Color. Had communications director remove private well survey from front page of town website and replace with announcement for registering for flu clinics in October.
- 79, 83, 85 and 87 Atlantic Avenue - sent signed assent to extinguish septic agreement to attorney Will Edes.
- Private Wells – reviewed the work from the summer interns that placed private wells to their approximate locations on people's property in the GIS system. Discovered that GIS is showing two well symbols – one on the house (default location) and the second where the well is actually located. Amy and I will have to go through the spreadsheets and resolve this issue by removing the redundant well in GIS. In addition to the field data gathered by the interns this summer we can also go through the files from the last 5 or 6 years with as-built plans and add other well locations to GIS. This will be an ongoing project for the two of us.

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Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending September 9, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – No call this week.
- COVID Clinics – will set up clinic information in COLOR for four booster clinics in November with new bivalent vaccine. Ran into issues with COLOR and will complete link creation next week when I hear from software support.

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- PHE Grant – Brian Luther (MAPC) and I met with Bethany Griles (DPH) to go over completing our FY2023 budget with new DPH format. I met with our finance person this week to see if I could amend our monthly expenditure report to align with DPH budget formatting. Will revisit questions when new Finance Director begins in October. Brian, Susan Sarni and I met and decided to drop the part time epi and look to hire a full-time nurse to primarily support Scituate and Hingham. The position would have an emphasis on public health education.
- 297 Beechwood Street – received a call from Cohasset Water Department (CWD) last Friday afternoon that there was a severe septic leak that was running into the street. CWD tested the water and said based on low or non-detect fluoride it was not town water. I called Rosano Davis and they went out to investigate and possibly pump the system. They discovered, however, that it was leaking water. The conclusion was that a contractor installing a gas line nicked the water line. I had left multiple messages with the homeowner Friday afternoon indicating there was and then there was not a public health emergency.
The line was not repaired, however, and the amount of water being released has only increased this week. The homeowner called me concerned saying that he has had no response from CWD. I tracked down Brendan from CWD and he was aware of the problem. CWD had wanted to wait until they installed a new water line scheduled in a few weeks, but realized they cannot wait. I gave him the homeowner's cell and he said that he would call and meet him on Friday (today) to discuss a remedy.
 - 380-400 CJC – A contractor, Spirito, applied for permits to abandon the septic tanks and pump chamber tanks in anticipation of connecting to sewer. The permits were released, however, due to supply chain issues connections to sewer for 380 and 400 CJC are likely delayed. The building inspector may delay issuing a building occupancy permit for 390 CJC until that entire project is connected. A failed system should be connected before new connection although approval was issued by the Sewer Commission.
- Mosquito testing – last Friday a composite mosquito sample collected from the northwest quadrant in Cohasset tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). In addition, positive detections were also reported in nearby towns of Norwell, Hanover and Scituate. In response, DPH upped each town's WNV risk level to Moderate. Plymouth County Mosquito Control additionally sprayed each town this week. The spray truck sprayed from South Main Street through the center of town and up North Main Street overnight on Tuesday.
- 750 CJC – Rosano Davis will perform a Title 5 inspection on September 9th. System is at least 60 years old with no design or maintenance records. This was prompted by a change in use in the building, specifically a new butcher shop that will require new features like hand washing sinks, a 3-bay sink, dishwasher, etc.

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- Permit Applications - reviewed multiple permit applications on Permit Eyes and corresponded with applicants for additional material required.
- 12 Lamberts Lane – attended a perc test at the site. Very difficult site due to presence of glacial till material. Contractor was able to find one location that was able to perc.
- Social Worker report – met with Stephanie to discuss cases she is working on. She is delivering food to a couple of “difficult” residents that elder affairs does not want to service.
- 297 Beechwood Street – reviewed septic plan. Sent comment to engineer.
- DEP Water Division Webinar – attended webinar that discussed how local BOH can help protect public water supplies and private wells.

Public Health Director Weekly Report Week Ending September 16, 2022

COVID-19:

- DPH – DPH provided updates on drought conditions (our southeast region is now downgraded to Level 2 significant drought from Level 3); COLOR (vaccination clinic software program); and bivalent COVID boosters (Pfizer recommended for everyone 12 and older and Moderna for 18 and older).
- COVID Clinics – created the links in COLOR for four COVID clinics during the first two weeks in November to boost residents before the Thanksgiving holiday and hopefully carry them through the winter months. The clinic dates are November 1st, 3rd, 8th, and 10th. The registration links are posted on the town website.
- COVID Test Kits – responded to a survey from DPH and we will be receiving more free COVID test kits that will be available for the public along with additional masks and bandaids.

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- PHE Grant – The Town of Scituate submitted a signed Letter of Commitment so we now officially have our required three town minimum and will continue to receive \$300,000 annually to hire and maintain regional staff to bolster the health departments. We had our local PHE meeting this week and invited the social workers from all three towns. We discussed purchasing a case management and electronic records software program that would allow them to keep clinical records with HIPAA compliance. Also, sent a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to town counsel for review.
- 380-400 CJC – Permits were released to a contractor, Spirito, to abandon the septic tanks and pump chamber tanks in anticipation of connecting to sewer. Due to supply chain issues connections to sewer for 380 and 400 CJC are likely delayed. The building inspector may delay issuing a building occupancy permit for 390 CJC until that entire project is connected. A failed system should be connected before new connection although approval was issued by the Sewer Commission.
- 750 CJC – Rosano Davis performed a Title 5 inspection on September 9th. System is at least 60 years old with no design or maintenance records. RD submitted a failed Title 5 inspection report. The property owner now has two years to upgrade the system. The tenants (Mulaney’s Seafood, South Shore Pool Supply, Cross Fit) will be allowed to continue operating business, but I will

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issue a letter with conditions like regular pumping and milestones to show progress in order to keep operating.

- Cyber Security – took a required online training.
- 124 Elm Street – Received a call from Mike Whiteside, MassDEP strikeforce, to investigate an anonymous complaint that he had received that the construction project was directly discharging into Cohasset Harbor. John Hallin confirmed that the proper filtering devices were in place and the construction company was operating properly. Sent Mike the notes and photos from the site.
- Cook Estate – Still waiting for the pump that is on backorder and is currently due to arrive November 3rd. The condo associated has not signed the sewer agreement yet as they are looking to see if they can receive some relief for the connection fee cost. The issue will be discussed at the next Sewer Commission meeting. I reached out to Brett Rowe at MassDEP to see if he is aware of any other towns that have given a reduced connection fee rate to residents.
- Norfolk County Attorney General Breakfast Meeting – representatives from police, fire, schools, health from each Norfolk County town were invited to a breakfast meeting to hear about available trainings and programs established by the AG's office. Cohasset schools and Safe Harbor will be taking advantage of a free grant-funded program that analyzes youth risk survey data using a program called Trendline. Other programs include When Help Arrives, Mandated Reporter Training, training for drug endangered youth and train the trainer for bullying.
- Updated the Health section of the town's Emergency Management Plan with Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and sent the redline version to Glenn Pratt.
- 110 Jerusalem Road – reviewed a well plan, however, the proposed geothermal wells did not meet setback requirements. The well driller notified the engineer, and a new plan will be submitted for the next BoPH meeting.

7:22 P.M. Public Health Nurse Report

Ms. Goodwin finished up home visits and will go to a group home tomorrow to give flu shots. The Town received 400 doses of Moderna the bivalent vaccine. There are 4 clinics coming up and people are booking their appointments. The clinic for flu shots is scheduled for October and the Covid clinic in November. Covid cases are up part of kids being back in school.

Ms. Goodwin has been sending the Board the following weekly reports

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 8/26/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1385

Total number of Probable cases: 173

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: twenty - two.

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 14.65% (198 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **Low.**

Plymouth – **Low.**

DPH call:

Bivalent Covid 19 Booster vaccine – Mass DPH expects the FDA to issue an EUA in September. After that, the ACIP will meet to vote on authorizing the use of the vaccine. At this point, it looks like it will be

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a single dose vaccine, people will need to have completed the primary series of Covid vaccine and will be the same storage and handling. I have placed an order for four hundred doses of vaccine.

The State is offering a couple of different grant opportunities to LBOH's. One is called the Community Compact Cabinet and the other one is the Efficiency & Regionalization Grant Program. Both grants encourage regionalization of services.

CDC has issued new guidance regarding Covid 19 quarantine. People who have been exposed to someone with Covid 19 no longer need to quarantine even if they are not vaccinated. They do need to wear a mask for 10 days anytime they are near someone indoors and test on Day 6 after exposure. Mass DPH has adopted this new guidance.

DESE – schools will only have to report positive cases that are done at school. Schools are no longer required to report positive home antigen tests to LBOH.

Community Outreach:

8/22/22

Held office hours at Willcutt Commons – saw four clients.

8/24/22

Administered Bit B12 IM to a resident.

Evaluated an open wound for an elderly resident. Contacted her PCP – made an appointment for further eval.

Received my first shipment of flu vaccine. Received forty doses of high dose vaccine and ninety doses quadrivalent vaccine.

Attended a Zoom lecture sponsored by NACCHO titled “Infectious Disease Quick Hits Webinar.” The webinar covered avian influenza, bacterial meningococcal disease outbreak in Florida, and monkeypox.

8/25/22 Attended a Vaccine Reimbursement training sponsored by the Commonwealth Medicine Group.

Made a home visit to a homebound elder. Administered Vit B12 IM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Goodwin RN

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 9/2/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases:

Total number of Probable cases:

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: eighteen.

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 11.00% (209 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **Medium.**

Plymouth – **Medium.**

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Maven call:

Covid 19 update: isolation is still a 5-day period. People need to mask for an additional 5 days or have two negative test 48 hours apart. If two negative tests, then they can remove their mask.

DESE new guidance says if a student test positive they need to isolate for 5 days and only require one negative test to remove their mask.

Quarantine no longer required but if exposed need to mask for 10 days and test on day six after exposure or if symptomatic.

Monkeypox: Mass DPH emphasized how important it is to capture demographics when doing case investigation.

We heard an in-depth review or cryptosporidium and shigellosis both of which can be water borne illnesses. When doing case investigations, we should focus on water borne, animal contact and person to person exposure as opposed to foodborne.

DPH call:

Mass DPH gave an overview of the Performance Standards and Baseline capacity assessment. Surveys will be sent to all staff involved with health departments to determine where deficiencies are and how to better serve communities.

Community Outreach:

8/29/22 Attended the PHE meeting via Zoom with Pam Fahey, Susan Sarni and Brian Luther.

8/30/22 Set the schedule for the flu clinics. Links were created so appointments can be booked through the color system. See the attached flyer. The plan is to vaccinate for flu in October and covid boosters in early November. Dr. Golden has signed my standing orders so next week I can begin home visits.

9/1/22 Attended the Mass Association of Public Health Nurses meeting via Zoom. Had a mandatory training on Alzheimer's Disease which is required by the State Licensing Board for license renewal.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Goodwin RN

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 9/9/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1398

Total number of Probable cases: 175

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: twelve.

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 6.91% (188 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **Low.**

Plymouth – **Low.**

Community Outreach:

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9/6/22 Made six home visits to administer flu vaccine to homebound residents.

9/7/22 Made six home visits with Mary Whitley to administer flu vaccine. Received four hundred doses of Covid 19 bivalent booster vaccine and ancillary supplies.

9/8/22 Scheduled covid booster clinics. Worked with Elder Affairs to secure the dates and times for vaccine clinics. Schedule as follows:

11/1 4:00 – 6:00 pm

11/3 10:00 – 12:00 pm

11/8 1:00 – 3:00 pm

11/10 10:00 – 12:00pm

Clinics are by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled at www.cohassetma.org

Coordinated nursing coverage for the clinics with three vaccinators per clinic and CERT volunteers to help with clinic flow. Working with CFD to get paramedic details for patient observation area.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Goodwin RN

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT WEEK ENDING 9/16/22

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 1406

Total number of Probable cases: 175

Deaths: five

The Town's total two-week caseload is: eleven.

The Town's two-week positive test rate is results 6.36% (173 total tests)

Community Transmission by County:

Norfolk – **Medium.**

Plymouth – **Medium.**

Maven call:

Monkeypox – when doing case investigation, it is especially important to report anything unusual i.e., cases in women and children, activities in the incubation period like public transportation, massage, food sharing, personal care services. An EPI at Mass DPH needs to be notified immediately.

Listened to a presentation from the Data assessment division at DPH on the results of school immunization survey. The survey is done annually, and the results are posted on the DPH website.

DPH call:

Drought update – drought plan looks at six distinct factors: precipitation, fire risk, ground water, stream flow, lakes and impoundments and evapotranspiration. Based on these factors the level of the drought is determined. Currently the southeastern region is in a level 2 (significant) drought out of four possible levels. Water restrictions apply public water supplies and private wells.

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Covid bivalent boosters – people need to complete the primary series of vaccination and then receive bivalent booster. Monovalent boosters no longer being used.

Community Outreach:

9/12/22

Spoke with Kelli Gildea, Nurse Leader at Osgood school. She has noticed a small cluster of covid cases in school. Asking for guidance in determining when a letter should go home to parents to notify them of the situation. Advised her to call the DESES rapid response line to help with this. Also advised her that now would be a good time send home a district wide generic letter reviewing signs, symptoms, testing, school protocols etc. re: Covid.

9/14/22

Made four home visits to homebound elderly to administer flu vaccine.

I have been answering calls and emails all week from residents having a challenging time booking their appointments for flu/covid vaccines. Appointments made.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Goodwin RN

7:25 P.M. Dr. Pollastri shared with the Board that Justin Shrair, Communication Specialist for the Town, reached out to Boards having public meetings to relay the following information:

INTERESTED IN HELPING SHAPE COHASSET'S FUTURE?

Dates, Topics and Times:

10/17/2022 - Session 1: Harbor 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Session 2: Village 8:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

11/7/2022 - Housing/MBTA Multifamily Compliance 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

12/5/2022 - Climate & Resiliency 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Willcutt Commons

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SCAN FOR MORE INFO:

The Zoning Bylaw Committee is having three public forums!

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MOTIONED BY: Dr. Lawrence moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

SECONDED BY: Dr. Pollastri

VOTE: 3-0 MOTION CARRIED

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