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Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Marianne Hartmann, Emily Cilley and Stephanie Goodman

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Jeffrey Vaughan, Director of Public Health; Neia Illingworth, Public Health Nurse; Allie Fiske, Director of Communications and Strategic Initiatives

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS
COVID-19

Neia Illingworth shared a PowerPoint presentation of the recent stats outlining the most current data received regarding the Town of Swampscott's positivity rate and the breakdown of cases by age. This data has been posted on the town's website.

Neia also discussed the town's progress on the status of the COVID-19 vaccination program. The town is partnering with surrounding communities to administer vaccines to the public in phases. The town's first responders were recently vaccinated as a part of phase one and Jeff Vaughan believes that the next phase could begin sometime in late February. The Health Department is awaiting further guidance from the state as how to proceed with the next phase of vaccinations.

Allie Fiske spoke about the town's free COVID-19 testing program which has taken place over the last few months for residents of the town. State funding for this testing was depleted in December and the town is partnering with Cataldo Ambulance to offer testing to residents. Residents can register for testing by going onto the Town of Swampscott's website. There is a seventy-dollar fee for this testing, but Allie mentioned that there may be some waivers available to those in need.

There was discussion regarding the new strain of COVID and the guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control on quarantine and contact tracing. Marianne Hartmann discussed the importance of the public adhering to the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the importance of parents keeping their children home from school if they or anyone in their household is symptomatic. It is necessary for families to keep vigilant to keep the schools operating.

Marianne Hartmann discussed a six-week webinar that the schools will be attending. This program covers COVID testing at schools, parental consent, etc.

Interface Referral System

Emily Cilley discussed the new Interface Referral program the town has adopted. This program should be completely up and running and available to all Swampscott residents by February 1, 2021. This program allows residents access to all aspects of mental health counselling services and care with a two week turn around. She believes this will benefit and be a great asset to Swampscott residents and to surrounding towns and communities, especially with all the obstacles facing the general public during quarantine and isolation.

Trash

Jeff Vaughan mentioned that Christmas tree collection is scheduled for the week of January 10th and will be continued into the following week for those who missed the first pick-up. Trees must be stand alone, no plastic bags, etc. Wreaths go into regular garbage receptacles.

Earth Compost Pick-Up

Jeff Vaughan discussed the costs associated with the program; the more participants registered in this program the lower the costs would be to operate it. The town yielded over 100 tons of compost from the program; Jeff will get the dollar amounts yielded at some point.

Metal Drop Off

Jeff spoke about the metal drop off program held on the last Saturday of every month. He also mentioned that at the drop off they will be collecting Styrofoam to alleviate the bulk trash load for households.

Scheduling of Next Board of Health Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. All Board Members are in agreement.

On MOTION and SECONDED it was VOTED by roll call to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Hartmann (yes), Goodman (yes), Cilley (yes).

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

True Attest,



Diane Folan, Administrative Assistant