

## EAST LONGMEADOW BOARD OF HEALTH

Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 6:00pm

Location: East Longmeadow via ZOOM Webinar

**Board of Health Members Present:** Christine Johnston, MPH; Dr. Kathryn Jobbins, DO, MS, FACP; and Rebecca Torcia, RN, BSN  
**Health Department Staff Present:** Tammy Spencer, Health Director; Alix Roncarati, Health Inspector; Renée Suckau, Administrative Assistant  
**Massachusetts Health Officers Association - Tobacco Control Program Director:** Sarah McColgan

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ACTION TAKEN/DECISION MADE
Call to Order and Chair Announcements	Meeting called to order by Chair, Christine Johnston at 6:00pm
Presentation of proposed Town of East Longmeadow Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products	Ms. Spencer reviews the changes made to the Town of East Longmeadow Tobacco Regulations, which brings the current regulations up to the state level and reflects the regulations that former Governor Baker signed into effect in December of 2019. The new regulations will come into effect on June 1st, 2023.  Ms. Roncarati explained that each of the tobacco establishments in town were notified about the new changes prior to this meeting and sent a copy of the draft regulations. Once the regulations are approved and come into effect, she will visit the establishments to verify that they are aware of the new regulations and compliant.
Public Comment on Proposed Town of East Longmeadow Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products	No Public Comment
Vote to Recommend the Town of East Longmeadow Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products <b>(VOTE)</b>	Motion to accept the proposed Town of East Longmeadow Regulations Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products with the changes as discussed effective on June 1, 2023 made by Dr. Jobbins and seconded by Ms. Torcia - <b>Motion passed 3-0.</b>
Close Public Hearing and move into Public Meeting	Motion to close the Public Hearing on the Tobacco Regulations and move into the Public Meeting made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Torcia. <b>Motion passed 3-0</b>
Vote to approve minutes of previous meetings <b>(VOTE)</b>	Ms. Torcia motions to approve the March 23, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Motion is seconded by Dr. Jobbins. <b>Motion passes 3-0</b>

Public Comment	No Public Comment
<p>Business at Hand</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trash and Recycling Updates</li> <li>2. COVID-19 and other Reportable Diseases Update - Including but not limited to latest numbers, vaccine data, and vaccine clinics.</li> <li>3. The East Longmeadow Master Plan and how it applies to the Health Department (vector-borne disease mitigation)</li> </ol>	<p>Ms. Spencer reports that throughout the month of April, approximately 4,829 lbs of waste has been diverted and the overall waste in cafeterias has been reduced by 95%. The kitchen staff has introduced the use of multi use utensils and compostable trays in order to reduce waste as well.</p> <p>Ms. Spencer continues to report that the Earth Day Kick-Off Event served as a fantastic way to highlight our sponsors, display artwork, and see submissions for the logo contest. On the day of, over two hundred volunteers (and Gabe the goat) worked together to clear 1.4 tons of trash, 25 tires, and 800 lbs of recycling.</p> <p>Ms. Spencer reports that the COVID-19 numbers have remained relatively the same. A second dose of the bivalent vaccine has been approved by the FDA for those over 65 and those with medical conditions, which was reflected in the amount of vaccinations given at a recent clinic at the senior center. In town, 24% of the population has had at least one bivalent dose.</p> <p>Ms. Spencer continues to say that because the national emergency and the public health emergency has ended, test kits are no longer being offered to the town at no-cost. Test Kits are still available at the Town Hall.</p> <p>Ms. Spencer says that the Health Department's focus, with regards to the East Longmeadow Master Plan, will be mosquito and tick control. The Health Department is working with the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District to clean up and treat the problem areas in town, and outreach will be done to educate the residents on how to stay safe.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Ms. Spencer states that April was Public Health month. The Health Department was asked to staff a booth at Springfield College to talk to the health sciences students.</p> <p>Ms. Spencer also reports that the Health Department has been busy with pool and camp inspections, as well as temp events. The Open Gov software will be utilized in the future for these permits.</p> <p>Ms. Spencer continues to say that the state housing code was implemented on May 12th, which aligns the building code, fire code, and the housing code more seamlessly.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>The next meeting date will be June 20, 2023 at 6:00pm.</p>
<p>Call to Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Torchia and seconded by Dr. Jobbins. <b>Motion passed 3-0.</b></p>

*This listing is reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

**Rebecca Torchia** \_\_\_\_\_ May 16, 2023  
 Rebecca Torchia, Secretary