

East Longmeadow Board of Health Agenda

Wednesday, May 26, 2021; 6:30p.m. at East Longmeadow - Zoom

Board of Health Members Present: Karen Robitaille, R.N. and Christine Johnston, MPH

Health Department Staff Present: Aimee Petrosky, Alix Shipman and Donna Bowman

Visitor:

Topic	Discussion/Action Taken/Decision Made
Call to order and Chair Announcements	Meeting called to order by Chair, Karen Robitaille at 6:30 p.m.
Approve minutes of previous meetings: April 27, 2021	Motion to approve minutes as written from April 27, 2021 made by Christine Johnston and seconded by Karen Robitaille out of necessity. Motion passed 2-0.
Public Comment	
New Business	
The Baker Mama Grease Trap Waiver	<p>In the past, businesses who do not feel they need an elaborate automatic grease trap system have applied for grease trap waivers through the Board. There are limited instances when a business would not need one. The Baker Mama is a new Cottage Food Kitchen who is only making limited baked goods at her place of residence. Donna has already inspected the business and they are just waiting on final approval from the Planning Department. Based on what the type of food service the business is providing, Aimee recommends the board approve her grease trap waiver.</p> <p>Motion to approve the waiver for the grease trap for the Baker Mama made by Karen Robitaille and seconded by Christine Johnston of of necessity. Motion passed 2-0.</p>
Car Seat Installation Event	<p>The Health Department is collaborating with the East Longmeadow Police Department who is running a Coffee With a Cop Event. Donna Bowman will be running a Car Seat Check Event simultaneously. The Health Department normally hosts two Car Seat Events a year, so this will be this year's big event. The event will be on Saturday, June 5th from 10am to 2pm at the East Longmeadow High School. We have about 8-10 technicians to help with the installs. Cartamundi offered some board games and Lenox offered a tool kit that will be raffled off along with Shelburne Fall's coffee and sandwiches donated from Hot Table. The whole event is free. Donna was awarded two car seat grants that have given us over a hundred car seats. Anyone who is in need of car seat will be given one for free at the event and there are seats available for all age groups.</p>
Annual Plan/Strategic Planning	<p>Typically, Aimee creates an annual plan that goes over what the Health Department hopes to accomplish for the year and the Board approves it. The annual plan goes to Town Council and they are updated quarterly</p>

	<p>what the Health Department is doing. Since we are moving past Covid-19 and Shared Services is now off our plate, Aimee asks the board to start to brainstorm some initiatives or community outreach events they may want to be included on the 2021 annual plan. We usually do a lot of community outreach events that we should be able to start up again in 2021 and the Health Needs Assessment will also resume and be on this year's annual plan. Karen asks if the school department is planning on surveying again for the Prevention Needs Assessment and if there is anything we can do to help. Karen is also interested in getting some training in for the businesses with liquor licenses. Aimee says she will add this back on the agenda for next month if anyone on the board comes up with something they might want to add in the meantime.</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	
<p>Mosquito District Control Update</p>	<p>Since the last meeting, the state has given the option to opt out of any adulticide aerial spraying should EEE get to a point to where it is dangerous for humans and animals. After a conversation with Mary McNally, we decided not to opt out. We felt like the state would only spray if there were considerable health risk since we are so far away from the typical spray areas. Our community has historically been very pro-spraying. The targeted intervention has been working since the shift away from aerial BTI spray application done every April via helicopter, but we will not opt out of the adulticide spraying through the state should EEE become a considerable health risk in our area.</p>
<p>Covid-19 – Cases, Clinics & Town Hall Reopening</p>	<p>Our Covid-19 numbers for the month of May look fantastic. In March we had 167 cases, in April we had 108 cases and in May as of the 26th we've had 26 cases. The first time we are in the green since last September was last week. We are hosting one last pediatric clinic on May 27th. We have 230 people registered for the clinic, mostly pediatric age. The school nurses will be doing the vaccinations. The second clinic will be on June 17th also at the middle school. We are grateful that Northampton was able to provide us with vaccines so we are able to offer vaccines to our youth population. Lastly, Mary McNally has made the decision to reopen the town hall of June 7th.</p>

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Robitaille and seconded by Christine Johnston out of necessity at 7:04 p.m. **Motion passed 2-0.**

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.

Christine Johnston 7/14/2021
Christine Johnston, Secretary