

SUDBURY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of Board Meeting September 10, 2019

Attendance: Board Chair Carol Bradford, Board member Susan Sama, Board Member Linda Huet-Clayton, Health Director William Murphy, Public Health Nurse Phyllis Schilp, Town Soc. Worker Bethany Hadvab, Admin. Beth Porter, Selectmen Janie Dretler and Jennifer Roberts and Resident Arthur Krusinski.

Meeting commenced at 4:00 pm.

4:00: Opening comments – No Public Comments Chair Carol Bradford calls meeting to order.

4:01 Social Worker–Bethany Hadvab: Ms. Hadvab presented to the Board the following updates:

- There has been an increase in all categories of services provided to residents – Attributed to referrals to Back to School program, inter-departmental cooperation, and word of mouth.
- Programs that are planned: Homelessness Seminar, Suicide Prevention Training, Holiday Gift Applications, Planned Coat Drive with Neighbor Brigade, processing a large number of Hope Sudbury Applications.

4:10: Health Director – Bill Murphy EEE

- Office was overwhelmed with calls about EEE from Sudbury residents. The content of the calls varied. As a result of the calls, a list of Questions and Answers (specific to Sudbury’s EEE situation) was created and published on the Sudbury Health Department Webpage. This is a breakdown of the concerns:
 - Residents wanted spraying in areas that they considered high risk because of marshes, vernal pools, large water sources.
 - Residents concerned with spraying near their homes citing fear of exposure to chemicals from the products used in aerial and truck spraying.
 - Residents wanting to conduct sports and outdoor activities after dusk
 - Residents that wanted the Health Department to mandate all activities be cancelled during active mosquito hours (dusk to dawn).
 - Technical questions regarding EEE and the specific diagnosed positive Sudbury case.
- Sept. 6, 7 & 8, Health Director spent 3 days coordinating Truck Mounted spraying with the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project (EMMCP). This action was initiated once there was a test positive case of EEE found in Sudbury. Mass Dept. of Public Health (MDPH) and Mass Dept. of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) announced on Monday

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Sept. 9th that aerial spraying in the EEE Critical zones would commence. on Tuesday Sept. 10th. Sudbury had become a EEE “critical” community on Sept 5th. MDHP and MDAR departments initiated aerial spraying without regard to planned truck mounted spraying by the Sudbury Health Department causing public concern.

- Communication between the state and municipalities became challenging as more animal and human cases were identified.
- Sudbury resident Art Krusinski asked about working in the yard during sunlight hours. Mr. Murphy explained that Anvil 10+10 has a half-life, one- and one-half days and is broken down after 3 days.
- The Sudbury Health Department will use this experience as a template to develop a report on protocol and procedures to follow for future outbreaks.
- Public must be made aware that most effective measures are personal protections.
- Historical Society Fundraiser: Outdoor Barn collaborative dinner was relocated to an indoor venue in order to reduce exposure to EEE.
- Global rise in temperature and changing weather patterns will increase vector diseases. This could require increased spraying to reduce risk of exposure. Funding increase for FY 2021 budget should be reviewed. Mr. Murphy will review contract.
- Summary of the Sudbury Health Department’s priorities during this process include:
 - Updating the website with State and local notifications
 - Coordinate and initiate EMMCP spraying in critical situations
 - Notifying residents with reverse 911
 - Notified schools, preschools, senior living facilities, and restaurants
 - Public announcements and public relations
 - Coordinated efforts with interfacing departments and surrounding towns
 - Attended town meetings, connecting with abutting towns, MDPH
 - Informational conference calls

Sudbury Public Health Nurse - Phyllis Schilp:

- Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS): Phyllis reviewed the highlights of the Emergency Dispensing Site located at the Curtis Middle School at 22 Pratts Mill Road. Walk thru with PHEP State Planner, Health Director, Sudbury Fire Department Heads and other pertinent personnel. Working in collaboration with Sudbury Fire, solidifying relationship.

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- Sudbury Town Wide Flu Clinic Held at Curtis Middle School. September 16th. Using this site as a clinic will satisfy the State requirement to conduct an annual EDS drill.
- Media was helpful in getting the word out for outbreak.
- Camps wrapped up: Sara Behn, whom we had a hearing for on May 14th 2019 was compliant.

Health Director - Bill Murphy:

Hazardous Waste Collection Day is proposed to be done in conjunction with Wayland Board of Health. Mr. Murphy will write up a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by both towns. Vote to sign the Hazardous Waste Collection Day Memorandum: Motion made by Carol Bradford Chair, seconded by Susan Sama and Linda Huet-Clayton. Passed 3-0-0.

Septic: Large projects being installed; Shaw's Plaza, Lotus Blossom and Heb Chambers Land Rover

426 Boston Post Rd: (Sudbury Pizza) Fire, Health and DEP were dispatched to this address to evaluate cooking oil disposal. Follow up for this will include, a written response detailing ordered cleanup and remediation.

694 Boston Post Rd: (Acapulco's) Dumpsters are continuing to pose a problem with neighboring properties. Health Inspector will continue to monitor property for compliance. Permit suspension hearing may be required if problems continue.

Sienna Organic Farm: Would like to have outdoor dinner events. They would need bathrooms, septic, sinks and grease traps. Mr. Murphy asked to submit proposal and look at options of catered events.

Pools: Mr. Murphy will be requiring monthly testing of each Sudbury public and semi-public pool while pools remain open.

Sewataro: Health concerns with the purchase of this camp are the wells, septic systems, pools, ponds, and utilities. Mr. Murphy is part of a team of town officials that are ensuring compliance.

Broad Acre Farm: Site meetings were held to assess and inspect the property. Use of this property is still unknown.

Reduced staff: Summer hours (to cover vacations) posed a challenge. Bob Landry (contracted Health Inspector) was critical in covering hours in and out of the office.

Meeting Adjourned 5:55 PM