

**HAMILTON BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JOINT MEETING with WENHAM BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 25, 2021
6:15 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Meeting ID 822 5564 4267**

Call to Order

Hamilton Board Members Present: David Smith (Chair), Christopher Small, and Dr. Giselle Perez

Wenham Board Members Present: Dr. Andrew Ting, Chair and Regina Baker

Others Present: Jackie Bresnahan, Wenham Director of Administrative Services; Mary Beth Ting, Wenham Public Health Nurse; Rachel Lee, Hamilton Public Health Nurse; Leslie Whelan, Hamilton Health Agent

This meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by David Smith (Hamilton BOH) and Dr. Andrew Ting (Wenham BOH) with a quorum present for both boards.

Review proposal for Public Health Excellence Grant Programming regarding shared services

Ms. Bresnahan informed the Boards that the towns of Hamilton, Wenham, Manchester and Essex are working together to apply for a Public Health Excellence Grant which would increase shared service delivery of health education and social work. The grant would allow up to 3 funding years of up to \$300,000 per initiative and would hire 2 full-time people. Each town would get 10 hours of additional capacity health education and 8 hours of social work per week.

Motion made by David Smith for the Hamilton Board of Health to endorse the shared Public Health Services Excellence Grant Program described and to endorse its submittal to the State Department of Public Health.

Seconded by Dr. Giselle Perez.

Roll Call Vote: David Smith – aye, Giselle Perez – aye, and Christopher Small – aye.

Unanimous in favor of voting members.

Motion made by Dr. Andrew Ting for the Wenham Board of Health to endorse the shared Public Health Services Excellence Grant Program described and to endorse its submittal to the State Department of Public Health.

Seconded by Regina Baker.

Roll Call Vote: Regina Baker – aye and Andrew Ting – aye.
Unanimous in favor of voting members.

Other new business (for discussion only) not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Mr. Smith reported that the question of whether seniors needed to be vaccinated to reengage at the Senior Center was researched by Ms. Whelan who reported that the vaccine is under emergency use approval so it was not required at this point. Social distancing and wearing masks even when vaccinated should be continued.

Ms. Bresnahan reported that she met today with Cape Ann Cares compact (a multi-town partnership with Conley’s Drug Store in Ipswich). They are currently working with Senator Tarr’s office and a coalition of 7 communities to apply to Massachusetts Department of Health for a regional Cape Ann North Shore vaccination site with Conley’s pharmacy as the lead provider. Both Boards agreed to meet on Tuesday evening, March 30, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss this matter further.

Adjournment

Motion made by David Smith to adjourn the Hamilton BOH meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Seconded by Christopher Small.

Roll Call Vote: Dr. Giselle Perez – aye, Christopher Small – aye, and David Smith – aye.

Unanimous in favor of voting members.

Motion made by Dr. Andrew Ting to adjourn the Wenham BOH meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Seconded by Regina Baker.

Roll Call Vote: Dr. Andrew Baker – aye and Regina Baker – aye.

Unanimous in favor of voting members.

Prepared by:

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Attest