
Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, § 18-25, written notice posted by the Acting Town Clerk and delivered to all Board members, a joint meeting of the Wenham Board of Health (WBOH) with the Hamilton Board of Health (HBOH), was held Tuesday March 30, 2021 at 5:30 pm. *Due to the COVID19 Virus pandemic, and restrictions concerning in-person gatherings ordered by the Governor, this meeting took place virtually on Zoom.*

- Wenham BOH call to order: *With a quorum present, Dr. Ting called the Wenham BOH meeting to order at 5:30 pm.*

Board members present: Dr. Andrew Ting, Chair; Regina Baker, Gerald Donnellan

Also present: Jackie Bresnahan, Director of Administrative Services; Maribeth Ting, Public Health Nurse; Catherine Tinsley, Recording Secretary

- Hamilton BOH call to order: *With a quorum present, called the Hamilton BOH meeting to order at 5:30pm.*

Board members present: David Smith, Chair; Christopher Small; Dr. Giselle Perez

- Public Input — There was none.
- Discussion and potentially vote to endorse the two Towns joining the proposed regional, Cape Ann Cares compact, (a multi-town partnership with Conley's Drug Store in Ipswich) for submittal to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to apply for a regional multi-town effort and agrees to supply vaccine towards the shared goal of safely, equitably, and efficiently vaccinating Massachusetts residents against COVID- 19
The towns joining the proposed regional Cape Ann Cares partnership with Conley's Drug store was introduced to the Boards of Health at their joint meeting on March 25, 2021.
This is a multi-town effort includes Ipswich, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Rockport, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, and Wenham. The intent is to for all seven communities to endorse the partnership and show widespread, strong support. Senator Tarr and Representative Hill are supporting the regional effort.
Ms. Bresnahan noted that there are no specifications at this time but a steering committee with designees from each community will collaborate on an Agreement.

Vote: The Hamilton Board of Health members voted unanimously by roll call to strongly endorse the Town of Hamilton join the proposed regional Cape Ann Cares compact, a multi-town partnership with Conley's Drug Store in Ipswich, for submittal to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to apply for a regional multi-town effort and agrees to supply vaccines towards the shared goal of safely, equitably, and efficiently vaccinating Massachusetts residents against COVID- 19.

Vote: The Wenham Board of Health members voted unanimously by roll call to strongly endorse the Town of Wenham join the proposed regional Cape Ann Cares compact, a multi-town partnership with Conley's Drug Store in Ipswich, for submittal to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to apply for a regional multi-town effort and agrees to supply vaccines towards the shared goal of safely, equitably, and efficiently vaccinating Massachusetts residents against COVID- 19.

- Follow up on for Public Health Excellence Grant Programming

As discussed at the joint meeting on March 25, this is a regional public health resource for all residents from birth to seniors and will include a mental health focus. An Intermunicipal Agreement will include the details, and if all communities participate, there will be two full time positions shared between the towns. If not all the towns participate, the hours will be adjusted, but the program will still go forward. The towns of Essex and Manchester-By-The-Sea have not responded to date.

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

Mr. Smith mentioned the Hamilton BOH was asked if the senior center could require any person wishing to use facility to be vaccinated? Mr. Smith said he found the answer and it is no, they may not. COVID protocol should still be in place.

The other question was if vaccinated people need to quarantine if they have been exposed, the answer is no they do not, but it is strongly advised if they feel ill to be tested and quarantine.

- Adjournment:

The Wenham BOH members voted unanimously by roll call to adjourn at 5:50 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted By
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