

The Board of Health meeting was held on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Myles Heger, Lisa Lesogor and Timothy Harhen. Staff in attendance: Susan Mulloy, Adm. Asst. and Robert Philbrick, Health Agent

M/Heger, s/Lesogor a unanimous vote to open the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

***NO HEARINGS/MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

M/Heger to jump to organization on the agenda. The position of Chairman was held by William Hubert who recently passed away. M/Harhen, s/Lesogor to appoint Myles Heger as Chairman. M/Harhen, s/Heger to appoint Lisa Lesogor as Vice Chair. M/Lesogor, s/Heger to appoint Timothy Harhen as Clerk.

M/Lesogor, s/Harhen a unanimous vote to pay: Current Bills, Payroll and Warrants which includes a Betterment for 788 Bridge Street.

*M/Lesogor, s/Harhen a unanimous vote to issue Disposal Works Permits for:
68 Stonegate Drive, 9 Stonegate Drive, 177 Grove Street, 189 Grove Street*

Susan Mulloy provided an update on COVID cases. Numbers are still high but decreasing slightly.

Timothy Harhen provided the Board with an update regarding vaccination plans. (read a report into record) We have recently launched a dedicated COVID phone line and waiting list registration on the website. Nancy Hill will do robo calls to all age 75 and older residents and a Press Release will be issued.

Bob Philbrick provided an update on EDS planning with our regional coordinators and he has ordered a new vaccine refrigerator in preparation of receiving vaccine. Additionally, Bob gave the Board an update on the FY 22 budget and his meeting with the Finance Committee.

Peter Spagone, Jr. is present and updates the Board on recent meetings with landowners along the Sewer Line (RT 18). Carriage Crossing has shown some interest and discussions are ongoing.

Tim Harhen, Fire Chief, updates the Board on the proposed Burn Building at the Bridge Street Landfill. He previously obtained approval from the Board to move forward with the project and was put on hold due to the pandemic, however, they are now planning to move forward.

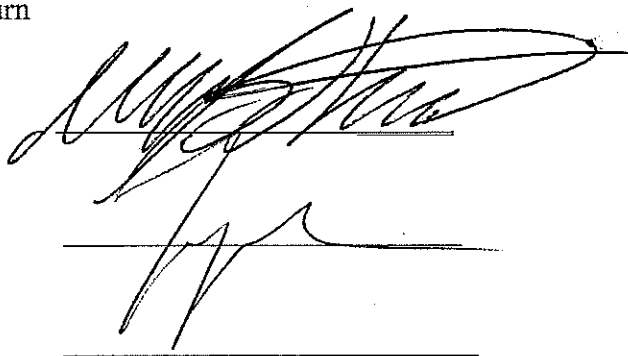
At the close of regular business interviews for Part-Time Public Health Nurse were conducted with:

Diane Fortune
Heather Doucette

Each candidate was asked the same questions and told the Board about themselves.
(questions attached)

After the candidates left: M/Harhen, s/Lesogor to offer the position of Part-Time Public Health Nurse to Heather Doucette.

M/Heger, s/Lesogor a unanimous vote to adjourn

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COVID-19 Vaccine Planning

First Responders were vaccinated on January 19th & 22nd.

Second doses will take place on February 16th & 19th, doses are already available.

Phase 2 began February 1st; however, we were not able to get vaccines.

200 doses were ordered by the fire department this past Monday, I should know this Saturday if we are being allocated any and how many. If we do receive doses, they will likely arrive on Tuesday and we will have a vaccination clinic on Wednesday or Thursday at the Community Center for those 75 and older. Most towns are only receiving 100 doses regardless of how many they have ordered.

Brockton Hospital has the capacity to store the Pfizer vaccine if we so decide to use it, it requires ultra-cold storage and it must be reconstituted with normal saline. Not a big deal, it just adds an extra step. The downside is it must be used within five days of being thawed. This would likely work out well when it came to vaccinating the school district.

We have teamed up with West Bridgewater to vaccinate both school districts and when we enter phase 3. Both of those groups will likely be a drive-thru vaccination clinic at our Junior-Senior High School. Downside is it would have to occur on weekends, as it will not be possible when school is in session. I am going to see if there are other areas in town that would allow us to use their property for the drive-thru sites.

Effective Monday February 8th a notification will be placed on the town's website, as well as the Board of Health and COA websites, allowing people 75 and older, or anyone in phase 1, to fill out a form online (if possible) so we have a list of those wanting to be vaccinated. There is also a hotline that will be activated on Monday. Using the Council on Aging's phone number, people calling the hotline need to listen to the message and will be prompted to leave their name, age, date of birth, address, and phone number on the voice mail if they do not have email. This will aid us in compiling a list of people wanting the vaccine and speed up the process of notifying them of an appointment and getting the vaccine in their arm.

Because we are not receiving the amount of vaccine we need; members of the community are urged to contact a regional vaccination center to schedule an appointment. Though it is an inconvenience, it may be the fastest way to get vaccinated.

Residents who are age 65 and older with mobility issues should contact the COA so we can establish a list to possibly vaccinate those people in their home or provide transportation for them to a town clinic. Vaccinating in the home is the least favorable and most time-consuming way to get vaccinated.

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS – PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

1. Thank you for participating in the interview, please highlight for us the education and experience in your background that you feel prepares you for this position. What interests you about this position?
2. What is it in particular that interests you about working for East Bridgewater?
3. Do you have any experience in planning and coordinating community health activities such as screenings, immunization clinics, health fairs, etc.
4. Can you share with us some of the important health care initiatives and experiences you may have working outside of a hospital or medical care facility?
5. As a Health Care provider, have you been involved in Public health education, training and/or the development of training programs?
6. Describe a period of time when you had to juggle multiple complex activities or projects simultaneously. How did you stay organized and continually move the projects forward? What challenges did you face and how did you handle them? What were your results?
7. Tell us about your computer experience? What programs are you familiar with?
8. Working in a Public Health circle, you may be called upon to handle issues involving various stakeholders such as: Public Health Officials, Health Care Staff, Elected Officials, Schools Officials, Town Residents.
 - a. Tell us about a time you had to deal with a difficult customer or resident, what was the outcome and your role in finding a resolution?
9. What goals have you set and where do you see yourself in the next three to five years?
10. Do you have any questions for me or about the Health Department?