

TOWN OF WENHAM

Wenham Board of Health Joint with Hamilton Board of Health

Meeting of August 20, 2020

Wenham Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, § 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk and delivered to all Board members, a joint meeting of the Wenham Board of Health (BOH) with the Hamilton BOH, was held Thursday August 20, 2020 at 6 pm. *Due to the COVID19 Virus pandemic, and restrictions concerning in-person gatherings ordered by the Governor, this meeting took place virtually on Zoom.*

The Board of Health makes regulations as it deems necessary for the public health and safety of the Town. The Wenham Board of Health is responsible for the enforcement of State Sanitary Codes, State Environmental Codes and Wenham Board of Health Regulations. Areas of responsibility include: septic systems, housing and dwelling units, food service establishments, private wells and recreational camps for children. Regina Baker (2023); Gerald T. Donnellan (2021); Dr. Andrew Ting, Chair (2022)

Wenham call to order - *With a quorum present, Dr. Ting called the Wenham BOH meeting to order at 6 pm.*

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

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

Hamilton call to order - *With a quorum present, Ms. Perez called the Hamilton BOH meeting to order at 6 pm.*

Board members present: David Smith, Chair (A-3:07); Christopher Small; Dr. Giselle Perez

Also present: Christine Lee, Director of Public Health Nurses

HWRSD Hamilton Wenham Regional School District

- Review, discuss, and potentially approve data matrices to guide the HWRSD in determining learning model. The agreed upon goal of the meeting was to bring closure on the metric document for the HWRSD.

These documents are available on the Wenham Board of Health's web page on the town's web site.

The Boards reviewed, discussed in detail, and edited the *Final Draft COVID 19 Metrics for HWRSD Operations*, 8/14/2020.

- Spread Sheet Data - Working draft
- Final draft COVID-19 Metrics for HWRSD Operations dated 8.14.2020 - Narrative document to describe how the boards were viewing the different data points to be measured to consider which type of learning would be indicated based on public health data
- Visual graphic (Summary Chart)
 1. Escalation from in person to hybrid to remote learning model
 2. De-Escalation from remote to hybrid to in person learning model

The Board members agreed on the contents, the metrics in the categories.

The terms used throughout the documents will be defined for clarity within the document.

The Boards discussed if quarantine protocols should be extended to the sibling(s) of a student of a contact of a COVID19 positive contact. One suggestion was to consider the age of the student citing older children would understand to isolate.

As an important protocol under the jurisdiction of the School Facility Director, Ms. Ting will confirm the tracking used for cleaning surfaces in the schools.

The formatting and graphics of the document will be updated and revised for final review, and potential vote to submit to the Superintendent & School Committee.

A joint board of health meeting was scheduled for August 26, 2020.

- Adjournment – *The Wenham BOH adjourned unanimously by roll call vote at 8:30 pm.*

The Hamilton Board of Health continued in session to address administrative matters. These minutes are separate.

Respectfully Submitted By

Catherine Tinsley 8.22.2020

