

TOWN OF WENHAM
Wenham Board of Health Joint with Hamilton Board of Health
Meeting of August 26, 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 with the Hamilton Board of Health, was held Thursday August 26, 2020 at 4 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 Wenham Board of Health (BOH) 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.

BOH members: Dr. Andrew Ting, Chair (2022); Gerald T. Donnellan (2021); Regina Baker (2023)

Wenham BOH call to order - *With a quorum present, Dr. Ting called the Wenham BOH meeting to order at 4 pm.*
Board members present: Dr. Andrew Ting, Chair; Gerald Donnellan Not Present: Regina Baker
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, Ms. Perez called the Hamilton BOH meeting to order at 4 pm.*
Board members present: David Smith, Chair (A-3:07); Christopher Small; Dr. Giselle Perez
Not Present: Christine Lee, Director of Public Health Nurses
Also present: Selectman Darcy Dale
Thomas Geary, HWRSD Facilities Director

Final review, discuss, and approve data matrices to guide the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District (HWRSD) in determining learning model and supporting documents.

The Hamilton & Wenham Board of Health members held a joint meeting to review, finalize the text documents and spread sheet metrics graphics/chart and to vote to accept and approve transmittal to the superintendent.

- Final draft of Covid-19 metrics for HWRSD operations August 26.2020; These documents are on the town's web site/ BOH page.

The board members had a thoughtful discussion and detailed review /edits of the final draft documents.

Comments noted during the discussion:

- The local communities not included in the metrics are the larger communities of Salem, Beverly, Gloucester, and Lynn.
- The Center for Disease Control, Department of Public Health, and Department of Elementary & Secondary Education are addressing their differences regarding guidance protocols. The Hamilton Wenham BOH documents will be amended as needed.
- The color graphic School Metrics 8.26.2020 chart, as created by Dr. Ting was the preferred model by all board members.
- The terms used throughout the documents will be clarified on a separate page.
- Use of Google form: daily report of compliance with mitigation strategies and impact of their use on learning: This online reporting document will be refined and include further instructions. The data will be used in the metrics.
- High school enrollment: students from other communities are 79 students (14%) out of the total 544 students with 8% of students from towns not contiguous to Hamilton or Wenham and are accounted for in the metrics.
It was the consensus of the majority of board members to include all eleven towns students reside.
- The elementary schools do not participate in school choice.

Vote: The Wenham Board of Health members voted by roll call vote to accept the documents (Covid-19 metrics for HWRSD operations) as presented and edited with addendum surrounding towns be recalculated and values for changing the zones be adjusted accordingly with both (Wenham & Hamilton Board of Health Chairs) finalizing the decision prior to submission to the HWRSD Superintendent.

Vote: The Hamilton Board of Health members voted by roll call vote to approve the documents (Covid-19 metrics for HWRSD operations) presented with addition to include towns from which all students come into school district and adjust the numbers accordingly, and the two (Hamilton, Wenham Board of Health) chairs review formatting and submit the documents to the School Superintendent.

Approved 9.9.2020

Discussion on extending mask orders/regulations to include schools, including masks types and effectiveness (public education strategies regarding masks)

Although this agenda item was deferred to another meeting, the Board members leaned towards this decision being with the School District.

The Hamilton & Wenham Community Public Health forum is September 3 on Zoom. Representatives from Gordon College and Gordon College Conwell Seminary will participate along with members of the Boards of Health Member, School Committee, and HWRSD.

Adjournment

The Wenham Board of Health adjourned unanimously by roll call at 5:55 pm.

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*Respectfully Submitted By
Catherine Tinsley
9.5.2020*