

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown Board of Health has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Wednesday October 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Dr. John Straus, Chairperson and Dr. Barbara Beck, Secretary; Richard Arnold, Board Member.

Staff: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Straus called the meeting to order 7:04 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for September 16, 2020 meeting, with the adjustment to the face covering order. A motion was taken to accept the amendment to the face covering order.

Motions granted (Beck, Arnold 2nd) 3-0.

All in favor.

Minutes were approved for the Dangerous Dog Hearing on September 29, 2020

Motions granted (Beck, Arnold 2nd) 3-0.

All in favor.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Farmers' Market Updates

Stephanie Venizelos reported all went well this year considering the presence of COVID 19. All the precautions were taken and was well received. Average customers per week were 450 to 600. Vendors did well. The preorder option was well utilized. Dick's, produce vendor is offering a fall CSA box to be delivered to Watertown twice a month. (Saltonstall Park & WHA) The original target for this program is SNAP customers who can order the box for free with their HIP benefit. One third of fall CSA customers are SNAP eligible.

COVID -19 Update

Watertown has had 551 cases, 18 active cases, 15 new cases, 0 deaths

Cause of the increase in activity is due to family spread.

Flu Clinic and Flu Shots

Wil Van dinter has vaccinated 503 doses throughout the season.

SSRS Quarterly Report (First report for FY2021)

Larry Ramdin stated the needs for services are rising, clients in the food pantry has increased 100%. Will Brownsberger, State Senator has introduced programs through RAFT and ERMA to potentially provide financial assistance to renters/homeowners based on COVID-19 and income.

Staffing and Department Update

The Department is fully staffed.

There is a need for part-time nurse/health worker to assist public health nurse with contact tracing and entering the COVID -19 data into the MAVEN system.

Dangerous Dog Update

The owner of Jake is complying with the muzzle order and liability insurance.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2020

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8: 27p.m. (Motion Beck, seconded by Arnold 3-0)

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health