

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes – November 14th, 2023

Members in attendance: Chair Helaine R. Hazlett, Vice Chair Joanne Greer Miller, Tom McMahon, & Health Director Andrew Petty.

Agenda:

1. Meeting Minutes from 9/12/23 & 10/10/23

Minutes to be reviewed at next meeting for approval.

2. Dr. Thomas Massaro

Dr. Massaro received his M.D. from the University of Wisconsin, his business degree from Stanford University and his engineering degrees from MIT, Cornell, and the University of California, Berkeley. His residency and fellowship training were completed at the university of Colorado in Denver. He is the Harrison Foundation Professor of Medicine and Law, Emeritus at the University of Virginia. He has held appointments in the Department of Pediatrics and Public Health Sciences in the School of Medicine, in the School of Law and in the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration. He has served as an attending physician at UVa. From June 2009 until January 2012, served as the Founding Dean of the new School of Medicine at the University of Botswana. Dr. Massaro has taught courses on Law and Medicine, Children's Health Care, Health Care Management, and Health Policy. He lectures extensively on health care policy. His research has been supported by grants from the NIH, the Colorado Heart Association, the Commonwealth Fund, among others.

Dr. Massaro spoke about the Long Range Planning for Local Public Health. He gave a detailed slideshow with discussion as to where the future of public health is headed and what it will look like.

3. Mental Health Task Force Update

Joanne discussed the partnership with UMass Boston Health Sciences for the upcoming assessment for public health concerns, and the need to extend the review to neighboring communities and their efforts.

4. Transfer Station Update

Andrew discussed the status of the compactor and construction progress. The Compactor is on-site and awaiting DEP approval for the Install. Scale trailer is going to be replaced November 30th, 2023 and should be expected to be down for at least 2-1/2 days, please plan accordingly. Bidding will be set for after the first of the year. Feasibility study will need to go to town meeting for approval.

5. Director's Report

Andrew discussed the need to increase the price of mattresses from the current \$35.00, following a study as to what other local municipalities are charging. Fentanyl test strips were discussed to be added at potentially Fire, Police, or another public location(s) as decided by the board. Discussion to continue at next meeting. Website changes are being added as they are received. HHW day is Saturday November 18th, 2023 at 9 a.m. to 12-noon. North Shore Public Health Collaborative Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) was discussed, and Andrew asked the board for a vote to enter into this inter-municipal agreement for funding.

MOTION: Joanne moved to proceed with the agreement for the North Shore Public Health Collaborative Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA). Tom seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

6. Public Comment

MOTION: Joanne moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconded. All in favor, Meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.