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Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
Members attended via a Zoom online meeting due to COVID19
June 2, 2021

Present: Brandon Robertson, Kathy Blonski, Debra Brydon, Mary Jane Parlow, Beatrice Isabelle, Joe Doering, Tom McKeon, Warren Humphrey, Melissa Appleby, Sue Beardsley, Jadwiga Gocłowski, Maura Shea, Diane Hensdorf, Jean Donihee-Perron, Jennifer Kertanis

Regular Meeting

- I. Public Comments:** Brandon Robertson opened the regular meeting at 12:05 p.m. He asked if there were any public comments, there were none.
- II. Minutes of May 4, 2021:** Brandon Roberson asked if there were any changes or questions on the May 4th Board Meeting Minutes. There were none. He asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Diane Hensdorf 1st Debra Brydon 2nd, motion passed.
- III. Business:**
 - **COVID Town Surcharge-Update:**
 - Expended 59% of the \$124k as of last meeting
 - \$36k remains
 - Likely \$20-25k unspent in town surcharge by end of year
 - Propose that remaining money be returned to towns on a per capita basis
 - Jennifer to send letter to towns outlining what was done with the money
 - **Grants:**
 - Equity grant:
 - Working on hard-to-reach for vaccine access
 - Identifying individuals that haven't been vaccinated yet
 - UConn is vaccine provider, but we must do all the legwork
 - \$95k provides some funding for outreach, Simsbury Main Street Partners and others
 - Vaccine coordinator for equity-temporary part-time position
 - ELC 1 grant:
 - Budget period 2 May 18-Aug 2022
 - \$264K
 - Includes staff time to support COVID related activities, contact tracing, testing for outbreak specific response, part time Public Health Nurse

- Investments in systems like data dashboard
- Fix trailer, Canton Public Works will do labor we will have to pay for parts

- **Health Director-COVID-19 Recognition**

- Board voted on what they can do to compensate Jennifer for all of her work this year. One-time lump sum of \$9k for her-bonus
- Jennifer responded with kind words regarding board and towns support of her and FVHD team

- **COVID Update:**

- No new contact tracing cases Saturday, Sunday or Monday-things are moving in the right direction.
- Finishing 2nd dose clinic, next week. School kid clinic 6/8 and 6/12.
- Taking a break from clinics and focus on outreach to hard-to reach, targeted small numbers
- Track and monitor what happens with the need for boosters
- Very good vaccine uptake across our 10 towns
- Over 70 clinics and 18k + doses

- **Legislative Update:**

- Appropriation budget includes increase in per capita from \$1.85 to \$2.60.
- New bill prohibits the sale of flavored vape nicotine products.
- New bill increases size of on-site septic systems to 10,000 gallons

- **Recognition for Volunteers:**

- Rented out Stratton Brook State Park 6/24
- We had 110 individuals that have repeatedly volunteered

IV. OTHER:

- **Adjourn:** Brandon Robertson asked for a motion to adjourn, Maura Shea 1st, Diane Hensdorf 2nd, all in favor, Meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.