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 Hernsdorf, 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 Hernsdorf 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 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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 Hernsdorf 2\textsuperscript{nd}, all in favor, Meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.