



# Town of Agawam Board of Health

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## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

**Agawam Senior Center**  
**954 Main Street, Conference Room**

**February 8, 2023 at 4:30 P.M.**

- A. Roll Call – All members present
- B. Documents distributed at meeting: MA DPH's Performance Standards for LBOH; Chart of reported COVID cases and Influenza cases via MAVEN.
- C. Citizen Speak Time - no one present
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes – A motion to approve the November BOH minutes was made by Vice Chairwoman Safford and seconded by Member Bertrand. Motion to approve minutes: 3-0.
- E. New Business
  - DPH Performance Standards (see handout) Per Lauren Kennedy, this is a draft put out by the DPH which is likely to be very close to the final product. There's not timeline yet for compliance of this but there is a link for a recommended orientation and foundations course regarding Public Health. It's approximately 35 hours long and available online.
- F. Old Business-due to a staffing shortage in the Solicitor's office, Michael Theroux is working with City Solicitor, Steve Buoniconti, to prioritize the blighted property list.
  - 1661 Suffield Street-There was an agreement in court to vacate the property in February 2023.
  - 465 North Street-Mr. Theroux is hoping to get an order to enter and inspect the residence.
  - 44 Ley St-This property has been on the blighted property list and the taxes have gone unpaid for 3-4 years. The Town is starting the process to issue a lien on the residence.
- G. School Nurse Activities
  - Vacancies and staffing issues-There are still 2 vacant positions, but an offer was recently made to an application for the full time "Float" nursing position. The Jr. High was filled by an agency nurse we hired. He's currently doing the training for his position.

- H. Public Health Nurse Activities (see handout)
- COVID-the number have been steadily dropping, again partially because of the lack of reporting and home testing.
  - Influenza cases-the numbers are also dropping.
  - Grant money is available to purchase equipment. The Health Department is in need of new computers and a new vaccine refrigerator.
- I. Health Agent Michael Theroux has accepted another job and his last day is March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
- J. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Safford and seconded by Member Bertrand. With a vote of 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Michael Theroux, Agawam Health Agent