

## Lincoln Board of Health

### Virtual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Members Presents: Frederick Mansfield, MD

Steven Kanner, MD

Patricia Miller, MD

Others Present: Melanie Dineen, Director, Concord Board of Health; Victoria Benalfew, Lincoln Board of Health Administrative Assistant, Charlotte Trim, Lincoln resident

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is on June 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Health discusses the solar farm in Lexington, MA and has some questions regarding the risks. They hope Brian Young can join the next session to hear his perspective on how they address fires that occur.

Charlotte Trim appears next, she has several concerns regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, especially related to its use in kids, and masking.

Her first concern is regarding the use of Zoom for the meetings, Trish Miller told Ms. Trim that the state has extended the use of Zoom for the meetings, and it works well logistically for the Board, so we will continue using it until the state tells us we cannot.

Her second concern was that Dr. Kanner recommended the COVID-19 vaccine to elementary school children. She was told by the Board that the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics advocated for the vaccine and that risk evaluations have been done and the vaccine has been found to prevent excess mortality in all population groups.

Next, Ms. Trim raised her concern for the future fertility of elementary school children receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. She stated that Pfizer data shows a devastating effect on pregnancy and childbirth. Dr. Mansfield said that he had looked at a study that Ms. Trim had sent on this issue and found it irrelevant because the nanoparticles involved were of a different type.

Ms. Trim also added that she has concerns that the Board lied to her, by telling her that the vaccine had full FDA approval when the vaccination was experimental and under a clinical trial. Dr. Mansfield stated that the FDA had allowed it to go through, and now millions have been injected, which he states is a pretty good trial.

Ms. Trim brought up the Board's recommendation that people wear masks, which she states has been proven ineffective. The Board disagreed.

Ms. Trim indicated that there has been an increase in deaths due to COVID prevention measures. Dr. Mansfield attributed the increase in the mortality rate to gun deaths, rather than COVID prevention measures as Ms. Trim states.

Ms. Trim asked about the mandate for Lincoln teachers to be vaccinated, which Trish Miller said came from the Teacher's Union and not from the Board of Health.

Her last question for the Board was to ask if the recommendation was still to get the bivalent COVID shot. She asked the Board if they were aware of the Cleveland, Ohio study which showed that the more COVID shots the nurses and hospital workers got, the more they got COVID. Trish Miller refuted that idea by explaining that it was more likely that those with more direct contact and exposure would have higher rates of infection. Ms. Trim also mentioned that there is an NIH study showing that COVID vaccines weaken the immune system considerably, which she offered to send to the Board, along with other studies.

Ms. Trim, when asked about her issue by Dr. Kanner, stated that going forward, she wants the Board to stop recommending masks. Ms. Trim states her concern that people were told the vaccine was approved and not experimental. Trish Miller reiterated that there was no mandate from the Board of Health, and that it was people's choice if they wanted to get it.

Again Ms. Trim stated her concern that the vaccine was strongly recommended for elementary school children. Dr. Kanner informed her that the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended the vaccine. Ms. Trim countered that the first Pfizer results were released in February of 2021, which showed that out of 44,000 people in the study, 1,223 died, making the death rate over 2%. Dr. Kanner states that this is not the appropriate forum to relitigate these issues from 2 years ago and ends the conversation with Ms. Trim. Dr. Mansfield agrees with Dr. Kanner and thanks Ms. Trim for coming in.

A discussion ensues regarding Ann Loree from the Great Meadows Collaborative being made an agent of the Lincoln Board of Health. Melanie Dineen explained that she could fill in when needed, and that she would not cost extra. Trish Miller motioned to make Ann Loree a Lincoln Board of Health agent. Dr. Mansfield seconded. By roll call the members of the Board of Health voted: Dr. Mansfield- aye, Dr. Kanner- aye, Patricia Miller-aye. Melanie Dineen has been tasked with letting Ann Loree know.

Melanie Dineen is not aware of where Patricia McGean stands with the refrigerator for her vaccines. Some discussion ensues as to the type of fridge needed. The discussion has been tabled for the following meeting when Patricia McGean can speak.

Dr. Mansfield states that he has given the library his own paperwork regarding the radon detection devices, and that they will be handed out to people requesting a loan. The town attorney paperwork is too harsh per Dr. Kanner and only informal feedback has been received from those who has taken out a loan (the feedback suggests that at least half have found substantial elevations of radon levels in their homes which is a public health issue). A discussion ensued regarding people giving data regarding their results and privacy concerns as well as the possible prevalence of high radon levels in the community. Dr. Kanner brought up how to address the long-term effects of radon exposure, such as small-cell lung cancer. Melanie Dineen suggested doing additional outreach, possibly a flyer that can be sent out with the water bill.

Melanie Dineen informed the Board that after the implementation of sound mitigation efforts, testing was done at the deCordova and Mr. White was not able to hear the noise at his property line. There will be a recommendation for curtains for Pierce House events because there have been complaints about that property. She also talked about the difference between a nuisance and a personal complaint, as well as what the decibels measured have been.

Melanie Dineen reported that a COC was issued for Minuteman Commons.

Melanie is working with Lincoln to make sure that the equipment that will go in the Pierce House in the kitchen is commercially appropriate.

Melanie Dineen shared that the Great Meadows Collaborative is offering a mental health baking one-time class called Bake It Till You Make It on June 17. The Collaborative is also offering Mental First Aid training, helping people recognize those who are in crisis.

Melanie Dineen's other updates were that there had been some septic inspections, a couple of complaints to investigate, and inspections for Section 8 at Wells Rd.

The next meeting is set for June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Trish Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Mansfield seconded and by roll call the members of the Board of Health voted: Dr. Mansfield- aye, Dr. Kanner- aye, Patricia Miller-aye.