

**Lincoln Board of Health**  
**Virtual Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

Members Presents: Frederick Mansfield, MD  
Steven Kanner, MD  
Patricia Miller

Others Present: Trish McGean, Town Nurse; Elaine Carroll, Adm. Asst.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is on August 17, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes:**

Patricia Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from June 15, 2022 meeting as written. Steve Kanner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Kanner-aye; Patricia Miller-aye; Fred Mansfield-aye.

**Update on COVID-19 Cases and Other Illnesses:**

Trish McGean said the following: There were three positive COVID cases last week and five this week with no home antigen tests being counted. The BA.5 variant is the most prevalent and is highly contagious. She is hoping for a combo of COVID and flu vaccines will be coming out in 2023. There are 43 cases of Monkey Pox in Massachusetts. The vaccine is in short supply, and she does not have much information on that.

Trish also said the State has reported that the first mosquito testing positive was in Eastern Massachusetts in Bristol County. There are no cases of West Nile virus or EEE in humans yet. We need to remind people to empty anything with standing water in it, cover exposed skin, avoid going out between dusk and dawn and use mosquito repellent. She has seen a lot of tick and food-borne illnesses but not in Lincoln. The ticks are plentiful this year and are very small about the size of a poppy seed. Ticks are sensitive to heat so wash your clothes and use the dryer or just put them in the dryer for 15 or 20 minutes after being outside. Dr. Kanner said he has not dispensed much Doxycycline this year and has seen maybe only one case of a tick-borne illness. LLCT sent out the same flyer that went out last year in partnership with the Board of Health about protecting yourself from mosquitoes except to add something about discouraging the use of pesticides for personal property. The flyer is on the Board of Health website. Dr. Mansfield said that Brian Farwell of East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project sent an email with an attached flyer which said among other information that the aerial spraying did not seem to have an adverse effect on bees or humans. He is asking for more money for the next fiscal year, and this will be put on the agenda next month for a vote. Patricia Miller said she thinks there are a lot of people who spray their property, which is a bigger threat to the environment.

Dr. Kanner said the following: BA.6 or possibly BA.7 will be coming out this fall and more effective vaccines should be coming out by October, but we are not going to have the killer vaccine this fall. People are getting weary of this and there should be no change in the mask recommendation for July and August, but in September and into the fall, COVID is expected to be more prevalent but probably not as deadly as in the beginning if you have all your vaccine shots and boosters. We do not want to say too much now and ruin people's summer, but I would suggest that everyone go out to their favorite restaurants in July and August because you may not want to go after that.

At 7:45 p.m. Patricia Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Kanner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Kanner-aye, Patricia Miller-aye, Fred Mansfield-aye.

*Submitted by Elaine Carroll*

*Approved: August 17, 2022*