

Citizens for Milford: Board of Health Introduction / Update

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Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- What does the Board of Health do?
- Discussion
 - What is the best part about living in Milford?
 - What health and environmental concerns do you all have?
 - What would you like to see the Board of Health do?
 - What issues would you be interested in helping us work on?
 - What other questions do you have?



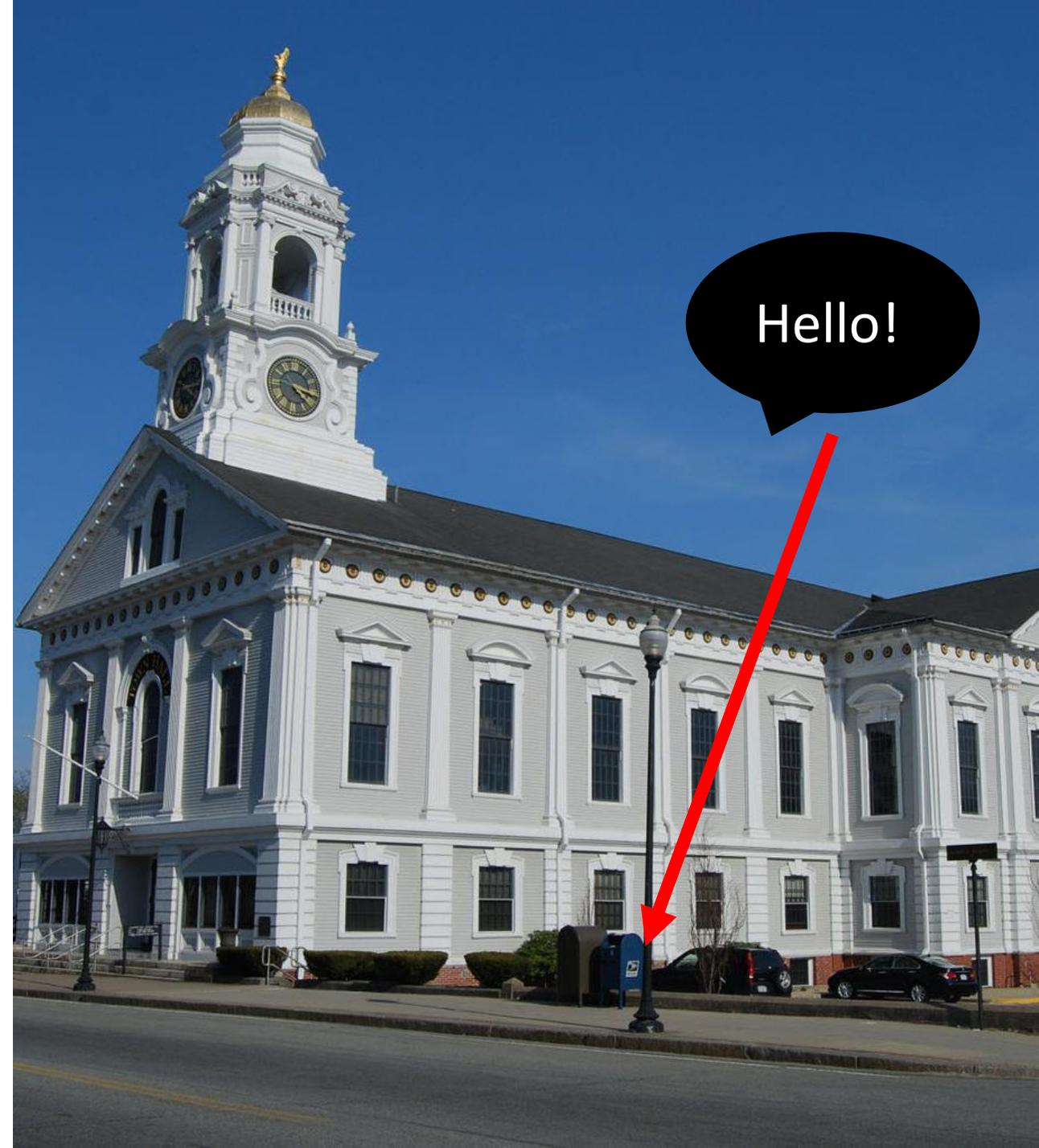
A man and a woman are standing on a rocky trail, smiling at the camera. The man is wearing a blue jacket and a black beanie, while the woman is wearing a teal jacket, a white cap, and green sunglasses. They are both wearing backpacks. The background shows a vast mountain valley with green hills and patches of snow under a cloudy sky.

Who am I?

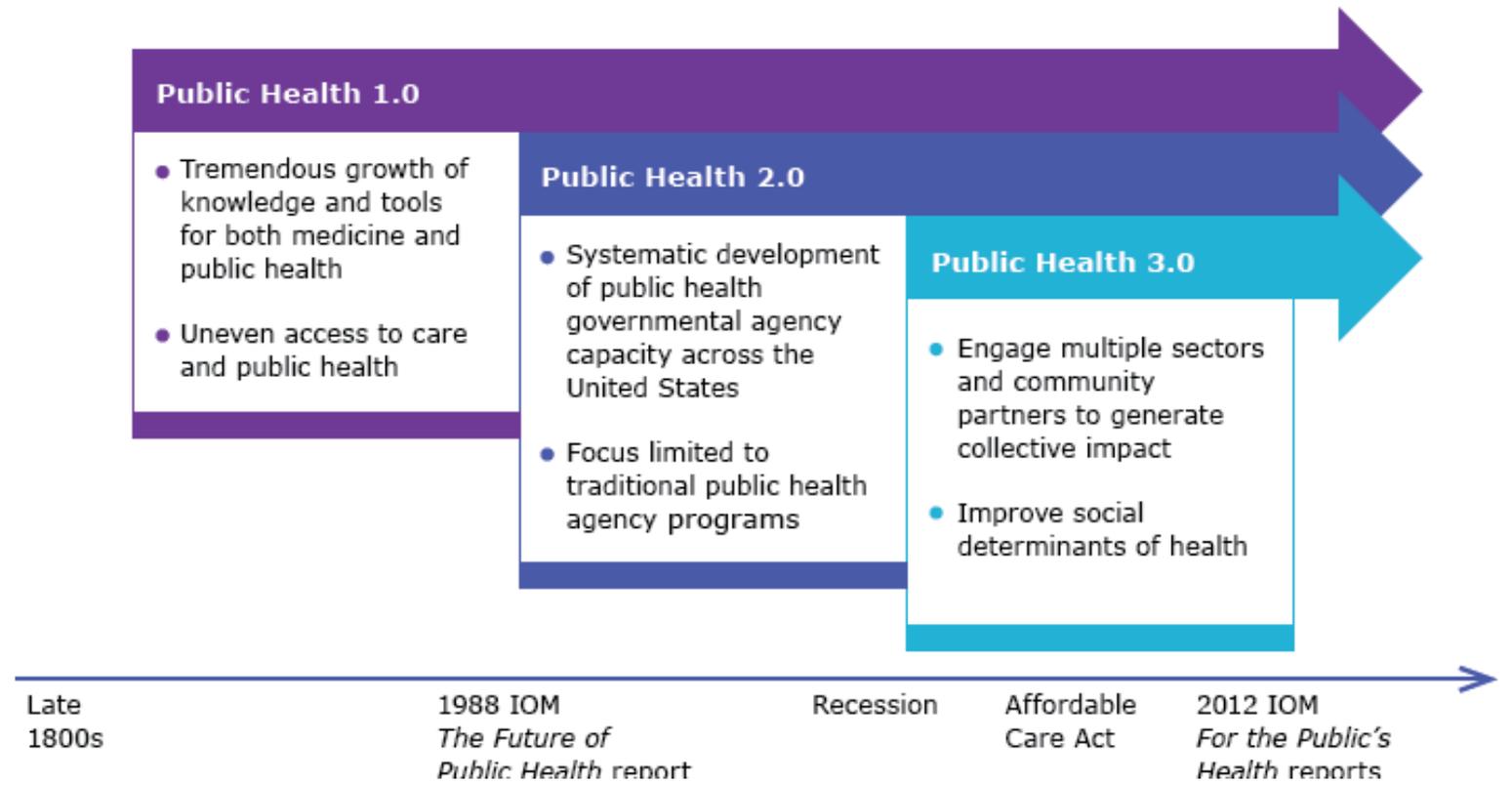
- A good question...

Who / What is the Board of Health?

- Three elected board members:
 - Lenny Izzo (Chairman: 2019 – 2020)
 - Ken Evans
 - Paul Mazzuchelli
- Appointed Health Director/Agent/Officer
 - Jacquelyn Murphy
- Appointed Health Inspectors
 - Lisa Tamagni
 - Joan Clarico (starting February 3)
 - Dave Denlinger
- Appointed Public Health Nurse
 - Mary Watson
- Salmon VNA nurse partners



First... what is public health?



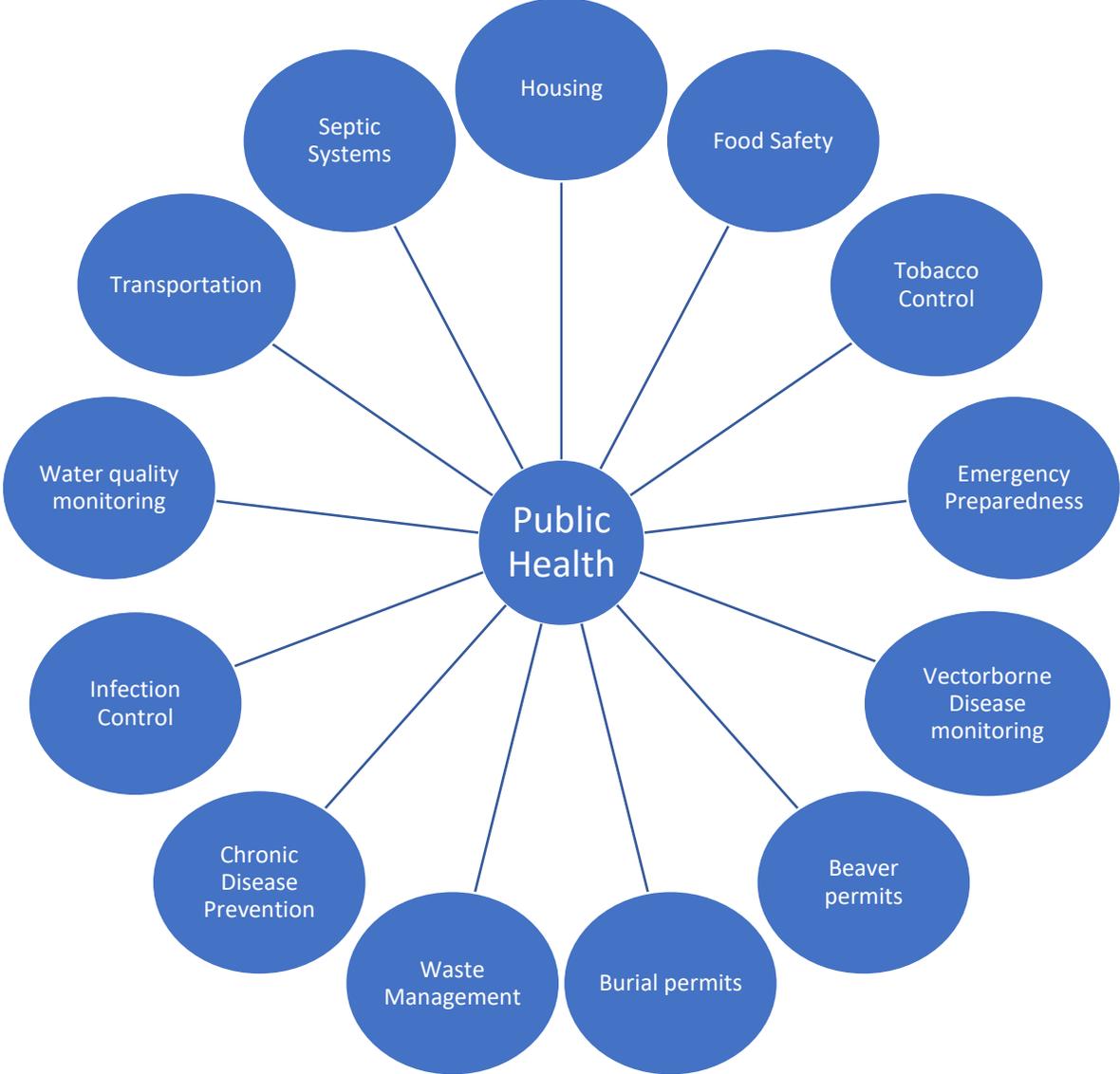
- Historically, public health was largely concerned with sanitation
- Now, public health professionals work to improve living conditions which influence health status by working across sectors with experts in a variety of fields
 - ...and what does that mean?

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood with a large circular overlay on the left side. The overlay is semi-transparent and contains the title and a list of bullet points. The background shows a mix of residential houses, trees, and a road.

Healthy Communities, Healthy Places

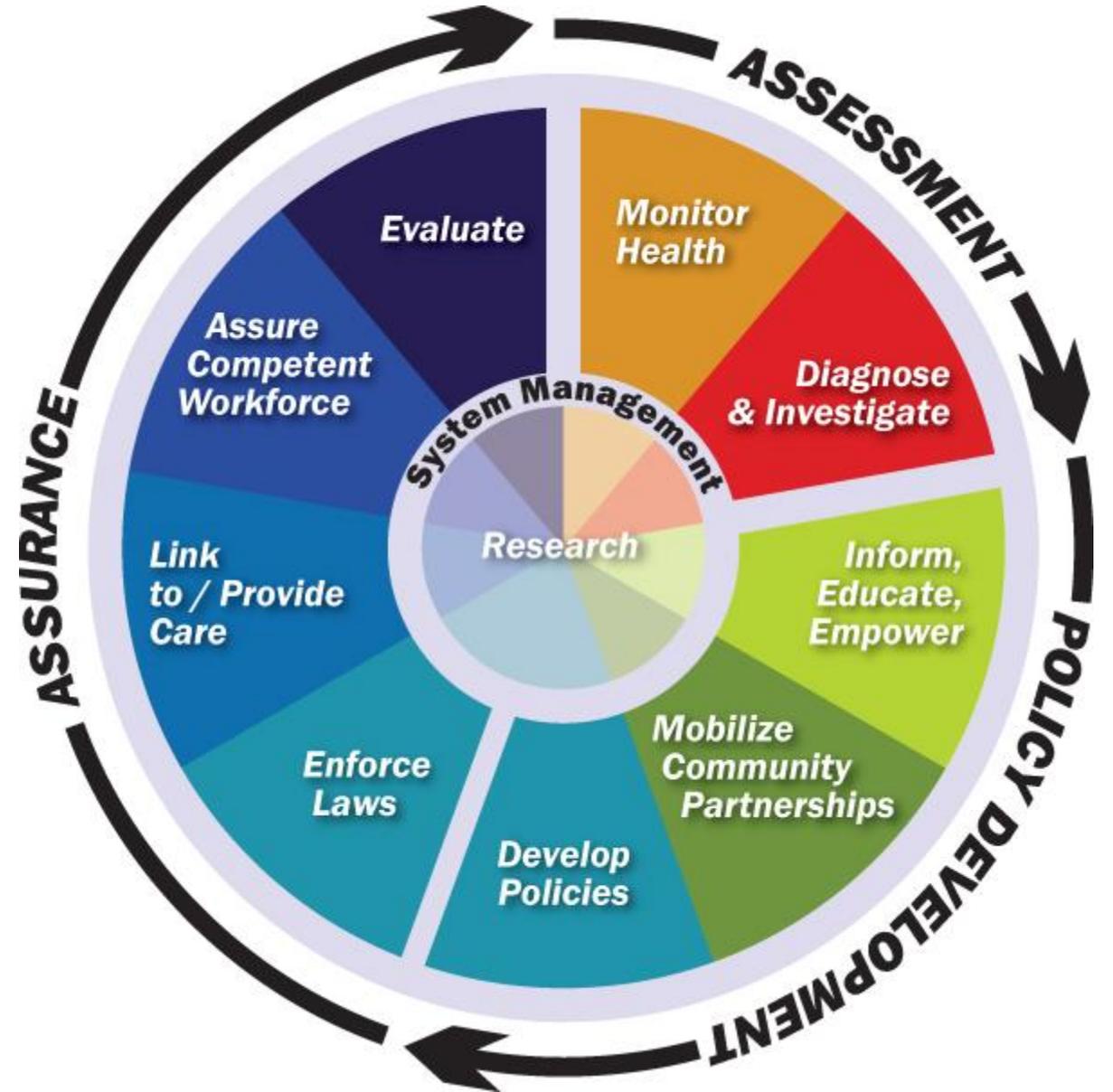
- Improve and maintain the health of the public
- Protecting natural resources vital to human health
- Improve quality of life for all

Ongoing Board of Health Efforts



...but HOW?

- Partnerships
- Research
 - How are other towns doing this?
 - How are other towns innovating?
 - What are our residents saying?
- Policymaking



Future Goals

Strategize

Bring the public health perspective to initiatives in Milford, especially upstream interventions to address social determinants of health.

Collaborate

Continue engaging in cross-sector collaboration between other health departments, intra-governmental departments, and community entities (e.g., hospitals, clinics, and other local businesses)

Evidence-based decision making

Collect and compile timely, reliable, granular-level, actionable data to guide, focus, and assess the impact of prevention initiatives, and make this data accessible to the community

Expand funding

Explore innovative funding sources (e.g., new grants from state government) to enhance and modify our programs, processes, and plans

Discussion



What is the best part about living in Milford?



What health and environmental concerns do you all have?



What would you like to see the Board of Health do?



What issues would you be interested in helping us work on?



What other questions do you have?