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**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
April 2, 2020  
North Reading Town Hall, Room 14**

**Members Present:** Gary Hunt, Chairman  
Pamela Vath  
Karen Martin

**Others Present:** Robert Bracey, Health Agent North Reading  
Mary Samost

**7:00 PM**

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting

**Minutes**

Minutes to be reviewed at a future meeting.

**Public Comment**

**Health Department Announcements**

None

**Community Health Liaison Report**

None

**Community Impact Team Report**

None

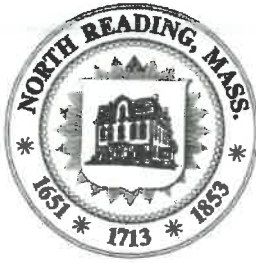
**New Business:**

**COVID-19**

Currently North Reading has 24 confirmed cases. Pam Vath Public Health Nurse has been investigating the cases. 6 cases have been released as the persons have recovered. A person is no longer considered contagious if he or she

1. Is without a temperature for more than three (3) days with no medication to reduce said fever.
2. Is without symptoms or dramatic respiratory improvement for greater than three (3) days and
3. Is greater than seven (7) days since the date of diagnosis.

We are experiencing that people are not all getting tested but are being told by their Physician that they are positive, to stay home and treat symptoms, and if worsen seek medical attention. These people are being treated as a positive, in the total town and receive the same guidance and education from the nurse if she is made aware. The date of release for these patients from the nurse is to count the seven (7) days from their date of diagnosis.



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Pam is grateful for the help and resources that she has received and will receive. We have four (4) public school nurses helping us, as well as resident nurse has called to offer her assistance.

Mary Samost reported that at Salem Hospital there have been five (5) deaths and seventy (70) patients in the hospital. Fifty (50) healthcare workers have been tested for COVID-19.

All departments are working in tandem to maintain and respond to developing changes as they occur. The North Reading Emergency Preparedness Coalition has plans in place should a shutdown be necessary.

Governor Baker has stated that it is ok to give Police and Fire the addresses of homes that have an individual living there who have tested positive. This information is updated to NRPD and NRFD daily.

Mr. Bracey has submitted the necessary paperwork for additional funding. He was able to purchase infrared thermometers for various departments such as Police and Fire. Funding has also gone to Police and Fire for personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as cleaning of all municipal buildings.

Mr. Bracey continues to work with local businesses to help ensure the social distancing order, set by Governor Baker.

Next meeting to be held 4/9/2020 at 7:00pm

**Pam Vath motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm**

**Motion seconded by Gary Hunt**

**All members voted unanimously in favor.**

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