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**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes**  
**April 9, 2020**  
**Teleconference/ Virtual**

**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 Approved for April 2 and April 6, 2020.

**Public Comment**

**Health Department Announcements**

None

**Community Health Liaison Report**

None

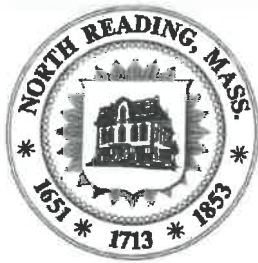
**Community Impact Team Report**

None

**New Business:**

**COVID-19**

Vote on Order Restricting the Number of Persons in Essential Business Establishments.



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**Gary Hunt Motioned** to Approve the Order Restricting the Number of Persons in Essential Business Establishments'.

**Motion seconded by Karen Martin**

**All Favor**

**All members voted unanimously in favor.**

Mr. Bracey has hand delivered the Order Restricting the Number of Persons in Essential Business Establishments. Mr. Bracey has been thanked by some of our businesses for the assistance. It is a help to the stores and they feel they can better manage the location.

Mr. Ron O'Connor from Massachusetts Department of Public Health called on 4/8/2020 and said that he is very pleased with the action that has been taken in North Reading. Overall all of the feedback has been positive.

Currently North Reading has 43 confirmed cases. Pam Vath, Public Health Nurse has been investigating the cases. 14 cases have been released as the persons have recovered. There has been one (1) COVID-19 related death. We have been seeing a steady climb in these numbers, as of today 4/9/2020 we have 3 new cases.

Pam is grateful for the help and resources that she has received and will receive. We have four (4) public school nurses helping us at this time. On Monday 4/13/2020 we should have the students from BU starting to help. They will be doing the contact tracing but the Health Department is maintaining responsibility for the cases. Massachusetts Department of Public Health is asking that all data be entered into the database, such as ethnic background and occupation. This intake process can take up to thirty (30) minutes to complete. We have been experiencing similar numbers to those communities around us. Royal Meadowview has been handling this pandemic very well. Our first responders are also doing very well and staying healthy.

The Health Department has received a request to hold a Drive-In Easter Service. After some consideration the church decided not to hold this event. They have thanked the Health Department for our time and consideration on this matter.

Next meeting to be held 4/16/2020 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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