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**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2020
Teleconference/ Virtual**

Members Present: Gary Hunt, Chairman
Pamela Vath
Karen Martin

Others Present:

Robert Bracey, Health Agent North Reading
Mary Samost

Lauren Gulbicki
Amy DiChiara

7:00 PM

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting

Minutes

Minutes to be reviewed at a future meeting.

Public Comment

None

Health Department Announcements

None

Community Health Liaison Report

None

Community Impact Team Report

None

New Business:

COVID-19

Pam Vath, Public Health Nurse, reports that current cases of COVID-19 in North Reading include 134 confirmed residents and 63 patients at or associated with Royal Meadow View, 180 cases have recovered and the Health Department continues to monitor 3 cases. There have been 14 confirmed cases including 12 at or associated with Royal Meadow View, and 1 suspected case of North Reading citizens that are deceased.

Royal Meadowview update: Royal Meadowview Center continues to do well at this time. Residents of Royal Meadowview Center are now able to have family visits outside in the courtyard while maintaining social distancing.



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Mr. Bracey reports that currently the Health Department is working with the local restaurants in regards to outdoor dining. The Select board announced expedited permitting for tents/outdoor dining. The Health Department is working with the Director of Public Safety, Fire and Building Departments in order to get establishments inspected prior to their opening. Currently five (5) establishments have met the requirements and opened outdoor dining. Those establishments include:

- Mario's
- Dos Lobos
- Joe Fish
- Horseshoe
- Kitty's

In addition Mr. Bracey is working with

- Parks and Recreation reviewing camp guidance, and outdoor spaces.
- Title V
- Swimming Pool openings
- Mike's Famous Roast Beef and Pizza, a new owner has purchased the property and has started the application process with the Health Department. The new establishment will be under the name Mike's Famous Roast Beef & Pizza with the owner being Theofan Qirjazi.

Town Meeting: A working group has been established in order to determine the best way to hold the Annual Town Meeting. While the Board of Health recognizes that the right to vote and participate in Town Meeting is a fundamental constitutional right, residents attending Town Meeting also have a fundamental right to their health and safety and they should be free to attend the meeting without fear that they will be infected by a dangerous illness. Further discussion was had regarding the location of where the meeting should take place, some locations included the High School gymnasium or the football field. If the Town Meeting were to be held indoors then there would be two separate rooms, both with proper air flow for people wearing facial coverings vs people that are not wearing facial coverings for medical reasons. Both of the rooms would be set up with audio and video so that both rooms are participating equally. In addition residents in either room would be required to maintain social distancing from one and other for the duration of the meeting. The Board would also like to see the proposed layout of entering and exiting of the meeting space to ensure proper traffic flow. **Gary Hunt motioned** to accept the order regarding precautions to protect from the spread of COVID-19 during the June 29, 2020 Annual Town Meeting with the revised language that social distancing will be required and maintained in both the gymnasium and the separately designated room for those with-out facial coverings.

Motion seconded by Pam Vath

All members voted unanimously in favor.



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Graduation:

The advisory group has sent a final version of the Senior Graduation Parade to the Board for final review. The Board would like to acknowledge the amazing work of those that participated on the committee to arrange for this parade to happen. A lot of work and detail was put into the final version of the documents that the Board received. The Board of Health is very impressed with the work of the students and would like to wish them success in all their future endeavors.

Pam Vath motioned to support with great pride this senior graduation parade in order to give the students a proper celebration within the Town.

Motion seconded by Karen Martin

All members voted unanimously in favor.

Order of the Board of Health Directing all Long Term Care Facilities and Nursing Homes:

Royal Meadowview Center has requested that the Board of Health allow them to accept new residents/patients to the facility. The Board of Health drafted an Amendment to the original Order dated from April 25, 2020, Directing All Long Term Care Facilities and Nursing Homes in the Town of North Reading to undertake further precautions to protect others from the spread of COVID-19. This document will be titled Order of the Board of Health Directing All Long Term Care Facilities and Nursing Homes in the Town of North Reading to undertake further precautions to protect others from the spread of COVID-19 Amendment 1 dated June 11, 2020.

Karen Martin motioned to approve Amendment 1 of the Order of the Board of Health Directing All Long Term Care Facilities and Nursing Homes in the Town of North Reading to undertake further precautions to protect others from the spread of COVID-19 Amendment 1 dated June 11, 2020

Motion seconded by Gary Hunt

All members voted unanimously in favor.

Order restricting the number of persons in essential business establishments:

With the new guidance and Order released from Governor Baker in regards to the number of persons in essential businesses, the Board of Health has amended the Order restricting the number of persons in essential business establishments in North Reading. The amendment would coincide with the Governors Order in allowing essential businesses to have 40% capacity or 8 persons including staff per 1,000 sq feet of accessible indoor space. This Order was originally issued April 6, 2020, and revised May 8, 2020. This amendment is effective 6/11/2020 shall remain in effect as it corresponds to the Governor's Order or further guidelines reflect new information.



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Karen Martin motioned to approve the Order restricting the number of persons in essential business establishment's amendment 1 dated June 11, 2020 that shall include bullet number five (5)

Motion seconded by Pam Vath

All members voted unanimously in favor.

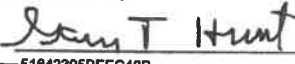
Next meeting to be held 6/18/2020 at 7:00pm

Karen Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm


Motion seconded by Gary Hunt

All members voted unanimously in favor.

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