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**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2020
Teleconference/Virtual**

Members Present: Gary Hunt, Chairman
Karen Martin
Pamela Vath

Others Present:

Robert Bracey, Health Agent North Reading	Michael Gilleberto Town Administrator
Stephanie Connolly	Patrick Daly- Superintendent of Schools
David Mills- Resident	Allison Kane- Drama Teacher
Linda's Phone	Janie's Phone
Jena	

5:00 PM

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

Minutes

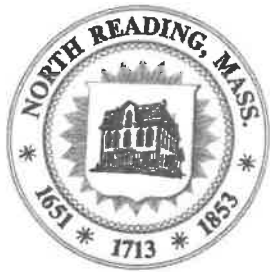
Previous minutes are being reviewed for signature at this time.

New Business:

Public Comment:

School Performance Presentation

Allison Kane, drama teacher, along with her drama students presented an idea to hold a Haunted Walk Thru (formerly the Haunted Playground). Each student presented a different portion of the proposed plan. The Haunted Walk Thru will be held outdoors at the Middle/High School 189 Park St on the weekend of 10/23/2020 and 10/24/2020.



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The show will consist of

- 22, two minute skits that can be observed from a distance of 10-20 feet away from the skit.
- All audience members will walk in a one way traffic pattern with their group of no more than 8-10 people
- All COVID-19 specific precautions will be followed including wearing a facial covering over the mouth and nose. Frequent cleaning will also take place of all common areas.
- Social distancing will be strictly enforce with parent volunteers' set up along the walk to monitor and enforce social distancing.
- All tickets will be sold online prior to the event.
- On the receipt to the event the COVID-19 guidelines will be printed.
- No food or drink will be allowed at the event.

Pam motioned to accept the presentation as outlined by Mrs. Kane and students for an event on the weekend of Halloween and following all guidance as set forth by the Governor and DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education).

Motion Seconded by Karen Martin

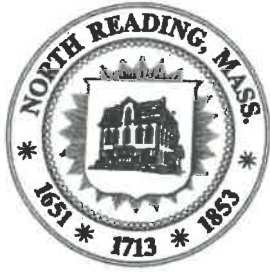
All members voted unanimously in favor.

Athletics in North Reading

The Cape Ann league is proposing to start allowing parents of the home team only. This would include 2 spectators per player with no more than 50 people in the stands, which would be clearly marked and social distanced, with an e-sign in sheet to allow for contact tracking if needed. Currently youth sports are allowed 25 people on the field and 50 spectators.

Nurse Intern MGH

Mary Samost has been working with Massachusetts General Hospital regarding the potential for a student nurse to assist the Health Department. An agreement was emailed to Mr. Gilleberto and reviewed by the Health Department. At this time it appears that the student is looking for more of a clinical setting.



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Community Incident Rate

As of 10/7/2020 Department of Public Health (DPH) reports that North Reading has increased from 4.3 to 6.0 Average daily incidence rate per 100,000 population. This increase has moved us to the yellow category. There seems to be no specific incident to point to as a cause for this increase. Cases are reported via the primary address that is given at the time of testing. A working group had meet earlier in the day, where a draft Order was drafted. At this time this Order is a draft and will be looked at if the need arises to make more precautions. The Board of Health will look to do a PSA and/or a robo call on the importance of continuing to follow the guidelines. Keep wearing facial coverings, social distance, no large gatherings and wash hands often especially with cold and flu season upon us.

Next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for 10/20/2020 @ 7pm.

Karen Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm.

Motion seconded by Pam Vath.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

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