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**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes
November 5, 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	Mary Samost
Donna Hovey	Resident Mills-1001
Steven O'Leary	Abigail Hurlbut

7:00 PM

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

Minutes

Previous minutes are being reviewed.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Nurse Intern MGH

Donna Hovey will be working with the Board of Health/ Health Department as an Intern. During her time here one of the areas of focus will be emergency response and preparedness for vaccine management. Mrs. Hovey is very excited to be here, she has been on various medical response teams, and in addition was the chairperson of the committee for emergency management and preparedness for the national emergency nurses association. At the end of her time with us there will be a plan that is ready for when and if North Reading is able to have a site for administrating the COVID-19 vaccine.



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Community Incident Rate

At this time North Reading is currently in the yellow category. North Reading has had a total of 301 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of those 301 cases 267 have recovered, and the Health Department is currently monitoring 20 active cases. There has been a total of 14 deaths, 12 of these were confirmed COVID-19 cases at or associated with the Meadow View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Amongst North Reading residents, there has been one death from a confirmed case and one death from a suspected case.

Thanksgiving

Households are encouraged to have small gatherings this year, as well as maintaining social distance and wearing facial coverings. Via the Department of Public Health incident rates are increasing at this time due to household transmission.

Governor Baker's revised Orders

Governor Baker's administration has made some revisions to the following orders:

#53

Order requiring early closing for certain businesses and activities, limiting hours for alcohol and adult use cannabis sales, and modifying chapter 138 license renewal requirements. Effective 11/6/2020 there will be a mandatory closing from the hours of 9:30pm to 5:00am. Restaurants are allowed to offer take out, but no sales of alcohol. Convenience stores may be open, but may not sell alcohol between the hours of 9:30pm-5:00am. To view the full Order please visit [https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-53/download? ga=2.182462048.752418930.1607202509-584517860.1599230584](https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-53/download?ga=2.182462048.752418930.1607202509-584517860.1599230584)

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Order further revised Gatherings

Required social distancing of at least 6ft at all events (except between members of the same household.)

Gatherings at private residences:

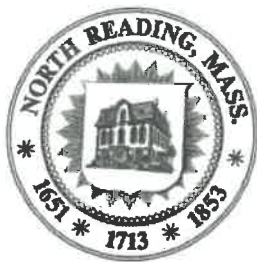
- Indoor, no more than 10 people
- Outdoor, no more than 25 people

Gatherings at events venues or in public spaces:

- Indoor, no more than 25 people
- Outdoor, higher risk communities- no more than 50
- Outdoor, lower risk communities- no more than 100

To view the full Order please visit

[https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-54/download? ga=2.143526899.752418930.1607202509-584517860.1599230584](https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-54/download?ga=2.143526899.752418930.1607202509-584517860.1599230584)



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Order revised Face Coverings

- All persons over the age of 5 must wear a face covering whenever in public,
- Face covering are required when carpooling with non-household members
- The exclusion for social distance has been removed
- Medical and other exceptions still apply
- Employers can require employee's to provide proof of exempt conditions.

To view the full Order please visit

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-55/download?ga=2.107507652.752418930.1607202509-584517860.1599230584>

Mikes Famous Roast Beef

A new potential owner has been in contact with the Health Department and is working with Mr. Bracey to obtain a Food Permit.

Stop the Spread testing centers

Stop the spread sites will remain open through December 31, 2020. Stop the Spread Centers are free to all Massachusetts residents.

For a full list of center locations please visit

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>

Next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for 12/9/2020 @ 7pm.

Karen Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Motion seconded by Pam Vath.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

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