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North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2021
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	Donna Hovey
Amy DiChiara	Abigail Hurlbut
Steven O'Leary	John Kleschinsky
Resident Mills	

7:00 PM

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

Minutes

Previous minutes have not been submitted for review.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Social Media Page:

The Board of Health/ Health Department has created a Facebook page called the Healthy Hornet. The site was launched January 14, 2021. Karen Martin along with Mr. Kleschinsky have worked to create the content for the page. This page will be a resources for the community to gather information on a variety of topics. Some ideas of posts were discussed such as FAQ's regarding COVID-19 vaccine, where to get the vaccine, and other topics such as Lyme disease. The intent of the page is not for political and/or back and forth arguments.

Pam Vath motioned to approve the submitted Healthy Hornet as it has been presented tonight.
Motion seconded by Gary Hunt.
All members voted unanimously in favor.

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Gary Hunt motioned to appoint Karen Martin as the administrator of the Health Hornet Facebook page, with John Kleschinsky as an agent of the Board as co-administrator of the Healthy Hornet for purposes of posting to the page.

Motion seconded by Pam Vath.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

Public Health Nurse Update

Eileen Mckol from the Department of Public Health reached out to Pam Vath regarding the reconsideration of the Order regarding the accepting of patients into the facility. The Board has considered the request and will look into approving patients on a case by case basis.

COVID Vaccine

The Health Department has received the second shipment of vaccine for Phase 1 priority group. Next week the second clinics for first responders are scheduled to start on Monday 2/8/2021 at the Hillview Golf Course. We have placed the order for 100 vaccines for next week. The Health Department website is updated frequently as more and new information is obtained. The Health Department plans to get the message out as soon as we can schedule the next priority group being the 75 plus age group. All registration for COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be via PrepMod, a Massachusetts Department of Public Health vaccination clinic registration module. Please seek assistance from family, friends, or neighbors if you are having difficulty registering for an appointment. Residents in need of assistance registering, may call the Edith O'Leary Senior Center at 978-664-5600. Due to the amount of time required to register, residents calling the Senior Center should expect significant wait times. Some helpful tips for registration:

- Open the registration link in a browser other than Internet Explorer, PrepMod does not work in Explorer. Please open in chrome, edge or Firefox.
- Have a copy of the front and back of your insurance card saved to your computer, or if you are using a device with a camera, you can take the pictures as you register. Your insurance will be billed at no cost to you. You do not need to be insured to receive the vaccine.
- A confirmation email comes from a no-reply address. Be sure to check your spam folder

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Next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for 2/10/2021 @ 7pm.


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

Motion seconded by Karen Martin.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

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