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**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2020
Teleconference/Virtual**

Members Present: Gary Hunt, Chairman
Karen Martin
Pamela Vath

Others Present: Robert Bracey, Health Agent North Reading
Amy DiChiara
Lauren Gulbicki
Mary Samost
Stephanie Connolly
Maureen Doherty
Abigail Hurlbut

7:00 PM

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

Minutes

New Business:

COVID-19:

Pam Vath, Public Health Nurse, reports that in town there have been 197 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of those cases, 179 individuals have recovered and there have been 14 deaths. There have been 12 deaths of confirmed COVID-19 cases at or associated with 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. The Health Department continues to monitor five cases, three of which are probable cases and two of which are actively confirmed cases.

Since the order of long-term care facilities was amended, there have been no new admissions at the Royal Meadow View Center.

A question was raised about North Reading having a COVID-19 testing site in the future. This would be carried out in conjunction with the DPH. A drive-up testing site could potentially take place at CVS.

Town Meeting:

It will be discussed at a later time how the Board would like to proceed in response to the recent statement from the town moderator regarding holding town hall inside the middle and high school gymnasium.



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Reopening:

Massachusetts is currently in Phase 2, Step 2 of the reopening plan for the state. Restaurants are now permitted to begin having indoor seating. Mr. Bracey reports that he has followed up with and inspected the restaurants that have opened with indoor and outdoor seating. Additional guidance has been provided to restaurants who have been hesitant to reopen. The 7-Step Program to assist food establishments with reopening has been successful. Funding for this program has been provided with a grant from the DPH. It is hopeful that this program will be able to continue through additional funding after the contract expires June 30th.

Title V:

There have been several complaints regarding Title V reports in town. Mr. Bracey proposed to have North Reading certify Title V inspectors through some process in addition to state licensing. This would increase transparency and ensure that inspections are up to regulation. It was also noted that some of the surrounding communities have their own certification processes for inspectors. More research on this will be conducted. Currently, the Town only has a process for the certification of installers.

Public Health Nurse

The job description for a new town public health nurse will be posted by the end of the week.

North Reading Public Schools:

Karen Martin will be attending the School Reopening Committee meeting on June 26, 2020. The most recent proposal for high school graduation outlines that the event will be held at the athletic field on July 24th at 6:00 pm with a rain date of July 25th at 10:00 am. It has been proposed that families must pre-register for the event and only immediate family of the graduates will be able to attend.


The next meeting will be held Tuesday June 30, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Pam Vath motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

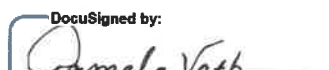
Motion seconded by Gary Hunt.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

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