



**TOWN OF NORTH READING**  
*Massachusetts*

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**Board of Health**

**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2021  
Teleconference/Virtual**

**Members Present:** Gary Hunt, Chairman  
Karen Martin

**Others Present:**

Robert Bracey, Health Agent      Stephanie Connolly  
Donna Hovey, Public Health Nurse

**7:00 PM**

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

**Minutes**

Minutes from 5/5/2021 are under review and signature.

**Public Comment:**

**New Business:**

**Public Health Nurse Report:**

As of 5/20/2021, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has notified the Town of North Reading of 1292 cases of COVID-19 in North Reading. 1270 cases have recovered, and the Health Department continues to monitor 15 cases. 22 Documented COVID deaths, 20 respiratory deaths making the total deaths 42 in North Reading. Some funding has become available to people to help with burial expenses, this may change some of the causes of death on burial permits thus our numbers may fluctuate to accommodate these changes. Peabody Court and the second clinics for homebound individuals have been completed. At this time the Town of North Reading has no more vaccines in its possession, and is unable to offer any additional clinics. Donna has requested community topics that the Board would like to see discussed once she has more time to devote to other topics. One that the Board is interested in having some education done on is drinking water quality within the Town.

**Martin Fair Memorial**

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### **Board of Health**

Mr. Hunt has met with Chief Murphy and Director of Finance Elizabeth Rourke regarding the funding for this memorial. The town treasurer will assume responsibility for fund management.

### **Health Director Report**

Dos Lobos has closed its doors and is undergoing a remodel. The partners of the establishment have been working with Mr. Bracey to complete the necessary paperwork. One of the items is that a tight tank will need to be installed to ensure that the discharge is properly treated.

The North Reading Health Department/School Department are happy to announce that we are partnering with Pelmeds Pharmacy to offer the 2 dose Pfizer Covid-19 vaccination series to our students ages 12 and up. Their team of vaccinators will come onsite to our school to provide immunizations on:

- June 7, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm – 1st shot clinic
- June 8, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm -1st shot clinic
- June 14, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm - 1st shot clinic
- June 15, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm - 1st shot clinic

Second dose clinics will be on the following

- June 28, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm – 2nd shot clinic
- June 29, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm – 2nd shot clinic
- July 5, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm – 2nd shot clinic
- July 6, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm – 2ndshot clinic

Children will need to have parental consent in order to participate. There will be tents set up in the field similar to the flu clinics that the Health Department ran in the fall.

The Governor has announced that he will be changing the mask mandate to an advisory and potentially lifting the State of Emergency on June 15, 2021. The Board will be reviewing the data as well as the Orders that have been issued.

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Mosquito Season is upon us and the Health department along with East Middlesex Mosquito Control have made a video to help educate the community. The video is too large of a file and will need to be shared via another platform. The video should be available soon.

Mr. O'Leary asked the Board if they have an opinion or suggestion on if Town employees need to be vaccinated. At this time the Board would promote, recommend and educate the community and Town employees on the benefits of getting the vaccine.

### **Funeral Directors**

**Gary Hunt motioned** to approve the renewal of license for both Cota and Croswell funeral establishments for the year.

**Motion seconded by Karen Martin.**


**All members voted unanimously in favor.**

Next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for 6/15/2021 @ 7pm.

**Gary Hunt motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

**Motion seconded by Karen Martin.**

**All members voted unanimously in favor.**

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516423958E5C41B Gary Hunt

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Pamela Vath

DocuSigned by:  
  
1920A173D476497 Karen Martin

\*Pam Vath not signing as she was not in attendance at the meeting

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