



TOWN OF NORTH READING
Massachusetts

Board of Health

North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2021
Teleconference/Virtual

Members Present: Gary Hunt, Chairman
Karen Martin
Pam Vath

Others Present:

Robert Bracey, Health Agent
Donna Hovey, Public Health Nurse

Stephanie Connolly

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7:00 PM

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

Minutes

All previous minutes have been accepted, signed and posted to the Health and Board of Health websites.

Public Comment:

New Business:

Public Health Nurse Report:

As of 6/21/2021, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has notified the Town of North Reading of 1304 cases of COVID-19 in North Reading. 1298 cases have recovered, and the Health Department continues to monitor 2 cases. 24 Documented COVID deaths, 20 respiratory deaths making the total deaths 44 in North Reading. Donna has developed a PSA to be release to remind the public to stay vigilant.

Royal Meadowview Nursing Center- Mrs. Nancy LaRock notified Donna roughly 2 weeks ago of some cases of vomiting and diarrhea on the dementia unit. DPH was notified as well and created a cluster event. Due to the issue being resolved in 24 hours there was no need to investigate anymore. No patients were hospitalized or suffered any lingering effects. Pam requested information on any other clusters or events within MAVEN. At this time Donna reports that there was a Lyme report otherwise no events to report.

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Health Director Report:

Mr. Bracey and Mrs. Hovey are in the process of applying for a Grant that would either enable Donna, Public Health Nurse, to obtain more hours or the possibility to bring in more staff to assist with contact tracing.

High School Graduation- was held at the Arthur Kenney field June 11, 2021, the graduation went well. The school had some senior celebrations the week leading up to graduation that required the Health Director to do inspections. One vendor did not have the proper paperwork in place and had to be replaced, other vendors were used and the celebration was a success.

School Vaccine Program- The first clinic was held on June 7 and 8th, 103 students were able to receive the first dose. The second clinic for these students is scheduled for June 28, 2021.

Currently North Reading numbers via the DPH Dashboard are as follows:

Ages 12-15 374 people have been vaccinated, 31% fully vaccinated

Ages 16-19 585 people have been vaccinated, 62% fully vaccinated

Of the 16,656 population 10,600 have been vaccinated

9,775 have received one dose

825 have been fully vaccinated

Mosquito Control- Monitoring of mosquitos has started, no significant data to report at this time, Mr. Bracey will update the Board as data becomes available.

Nick's Pizza- Currently working with the building department as they make renovations within the establishment. Nick's Pizza is taking over the store front that was formerly Mike's Roast Beef.

Hopothecary Ales- A tank has been installed to capture all the sediment from the brewing process. An inspection was done as well as a dye test, both passing.

Tobacco Control- All establishments are required to ID all customers to ensure proper age. The fines for not doing so have significantly increased to 1,000.00 for the first offense. Mr.

Beauregard will be sending out certified letters of reminder to all establishments. The Health Department has also emailed and hand delivered the notice as well. Mr. Beauregard will be resuming compliance checks this year.

Pool Inspections- Macintyre is currently working with the Building Department to comply with them. Once this is completed the Health Department will also be inspecting the pool. Park

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Colony, Greenbriar Estates, Resorts North, and Edgewood Apartments have all received their permits.

Skyhawks Camp- Has been granted a camp permit for their T-ball program to run 6/21-6/25/2021

COVID- 19 Board of Health Orders:

At this time the remaining Declaration of Emergency dated 3/19/2020, is the last Order that the Board of Health has open. Pam questioned how many other communities have lifted theirs along with the Governor. Bob has reported that most if not all of the communities surrounding North Reading have lifted their Orders. To date we have followed the guidance provided via the State, this should be no different. The numbers are staying low currently. Currently 64% of the population has received one dose and 59% of the population are fully vaccinated.

Gary Hunt motioned to rescind the Emergency Declaration dated March 19, 2020 to the Town of North Reading in light of the fact that Governor Baker has lifted the State of Emergency.

Motion seconded by Pam Vath

All members voted unanimously in favor.

- **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH DATED MARCH 19, 2020 - DECLARING A TOWN OF NORTH READING "EMERGENCY DECLARATION"**

Administrative Assistant Report:

A new program, to be used for vaccination clinics, has been released by the State called COLOR. This is a system that is similar to PrepMod for the registration and transmittal of vital information of clinics. At this time the functionally remains as a primary use for COVID clinics. Both PrepMod and COLOR hope to be available for the fall in order to support the Flu clinics. Stephanie has attended training for COLOR to gain knowledge of the program in order to compare and contrast the two. Both have their strengths and weakness, currently the need to switch programs doesn't seem warranted.

Healthy Hornet Facebook:

Karen has continued to post to the page as needed. Volunteer corps has not been available in the recent past, Karen will follow up with them.

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

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Karen Martin motioned *to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.*

Motion seconded by Pam Vath.

All members voted unanimously in favor.

Gary Hunt

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Pamela Vath

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