



TOWN OF NORTH READING
Massachusetts

Board of Health

**'North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022
Teleconference/Virtual**

Members Present: Gary Hunt, Chairman
Karen Martin
Pam Vath

Others Present:

Robert Bracey, Health Agent
Christine Doolin
Pam Merrill Public Health Nurse
Stephanie Connolly
Mary Smith
Suresh Rao
Patricia Lincoln
Jason Panos
Constantino Scarvanous

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Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

Dunkin-Follow up to Sewage Backup

The owner of Dunkin was present with his lawyer Jason Panos and acknowledge the situation that took place with the sewage back up on July 21, 2022. They have put together a Corrective Action Plan which is now posted on the employee bulletin board.

Mr. Hunt thanked the owner of Dunkin's for attending the meeting.

Public Health Nurse Update

Pam Merrill gave an update on the data she receives from Maven. September we had 46 positive cases, 40 were adults and 6 were children. In the past two weeks we have averaged about 13 cases per day, which is 7.6% positivity per week. The range for the other towns and cities within our region range from 8.6% to 14.1% per week.

The vaccination rates for North Reading residents, 91% have received 1 dose of vaccine, 83% have received 2 doses, 56% have received 1 booster and 21% have received two boosters. Pam Merrill spoke with the school nurses and they are not seeing a significant increase in the class rooms.

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Health Director Update

Mr. Bracey reports that the Shriners in Wilmington COVID-19 testing site has closed. Mr. Bracey also reports that the Health Department has about 11,000.00 home test kits and we are working with the Town Administrator on distributing those kits. We have sent kits to the Food Pantry, Senior Center, and the Health Department Administrator has been distributing some out at the fall vaccination clinics. Testing kits are also available at some of the counters at the Town Hall.

Board of Health Rules and Regulations

Mr. Bracey gave an update on 126 Main Street court case that has now closed out and been dismissed from court. The property owners have complied with the Health Department Order to install proper floor drains.

Food Protection

The Board previously voted on amending Chapter 2, and add sections 2.2006 to 2.2009. The approved amended regulations were mailed out with the renewal applications.

Underground Storage Tank Regulations

Mr. Bracey stated to the Board that he would like to draft up some amendment regulations for the underground storage tanks and to make sure that anyone who has an underground storage tank complies with the regulations for today's standards.

Mr. Hunt stated that the whole purpose of the underground storage tank bylaw was to get all the tanks out of the ground in the late 1980's. Mr. Bracey stated that he would get Chief Stats input on the storage tanks.

Mr. Hunt motioned to accept the Chapter 2, amendments to the Board of Health Rules and Regulations regarding food protection.

Motioned seconded by Pam Vath

All members voted unanimously in favor.

North Reading Town Day September 18, 2022, Mr. Bracey reports that it went well.

North Reading Halloween Happenings October 22, 2022, Mr. Bracey reports no issues.

North Reading Tree Lighting November 27, 2022 is coming up and Mr. Bracey reports we are working with the Chamber of Commerce on that.

Recent Inspections

Horseshoe Grille-The Health Department received two recent complaints about the Horseshoe Grille. Mr. Bracey reports that there were a number of code violations written up. We did a follow up inspection and we found that a majority of the code violations had not been corrected.

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If the code violations are not corrected we will be bringing the owners of the Horseshoe Grille before the Board for noncompliance. The Horseshoe was issued a \$100 fine. Subway-Mr. Bracey reports that he did his routine inspection and did a follow up, none of the violations had been corrected. Subway was issued \$100 fine, if there is noncompliance the second time around, we will bring them before the Board.

Environmental Health Updates

Title-5 November 15 end of season, installers and engineers have been advised anything moving forward has to be an emergency repair followed up with a Title-5 report.

Amend local Regulations- at the Dec 2022 meeting

Tobacco Control Update

Mr. Beauregard, Tobacco Control Agent will be coming before the Board at the December 8 meeting to discuss tobacco regulations.

There are new state regulations and the Board will need to amend the regulations to coincide with the state regulations.

Mr. Bracey stated that he asked Amy Luckiewicz to attend the December 8 meeting. Some of the local convenience stores in town have been selling Kratom which is product that the Board talked about in the past and discussed that it should be banned for human consumption.

Mosquito & Lyme Disease

We did not have any mosquitos testing positive for West Nile Virus or Triple E and we didn't have any human cases here in town.

Mr. Bracey praised the Middlesex Mosquito Control folks for doing a great job for our community.

Community Sanitation Program

Court case pending 105 Lowell Street, Unit 109. We are waiting for the judge to schedule a date and time for a second appearance.

New Housing Code

There is a new housing code that has been approved by the state Department of Public Health. The new housing code will go into effect in April of 2023. Mr. Bracey stated that he is reviewing the code for what the changes are and will have an update for the Board in the future on exactly what the specific changes will be.

Healthy Hornet

Karen Martin said that she continues to post the vaccination clinics

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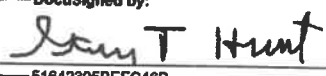
Pam Vath stated that the board should go over the COVID orders that were prepared for the nursing home whether they should remain in effect or not.

Next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for December 8, at 7:00 PM.

Pam Vath motioned *to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.*

Motion seconded by Karen Martin

All members voted unanimously in favor

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