



**TOWN OF NORTH READING**  
*Massachusetts*

**Board of Health**

**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2023  
Teleconference/Virtual**

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

**Others Present:**

Pam Merrill, Public Health Nurse  
Christine Doolin  
Suresh Rao

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**3:30 PM**

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding rescinding, paragraph (a) in the Order that the Board of Health issued on February 2, 2023 to Royal Meadowview Center. Pam Merrill reports that the nursing home has everything under control, there are currently no positive cases and people are back in their original rooms, still COVID-19 negative.

Gary Hunt stated the only piece of the order we are removing is related to the new admissions for new patients.

Pam Merrill stated that is correct. The State rescinded that order on February 10<sup>th</sup> after the Royal Meadowview Center went 5 days without any new positive COVID residents. The State issued a notice stating they have discontinued the order and that they could accept admissions again. The owner of Royal Meadowview Center reached out and requested a sooner date than the next Board of Health meeting on February 28, to make a decision.

Suresh Rao stated that the afternoon is not a very good time for a lot of people.

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Gary Hunt stated that this was an urgent meeting with only one item on the agenda which is the revision to the Order.

Suresh Rao asked does the State just accept if the Town decides to do something.

Gary stated that in the past we have instituted policies and regulations that are more stringent than the state.

**Karen Martin Motioned** to rescind the Order issued on February 2, 2023 directing the Royal Meadowview Center in the Town of North Reading to undertake further precautions to protect others from the spread of COVID-19, as it relates to new admissions.

**Motioned seconded by Gary Hunt**

**All members voted unanimously in favor.**

**Gary Hunt Motioned** to revise and remove the text associated with item (a) in the Order and reissue it as a new Order dated February 22, 2023.

**Motioned seconded by Karen Martin**

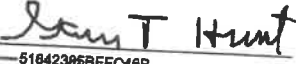
**All members voted unanimously in favor.**


Gary Hunt advised Pam Merrill that she could contact the Royal Meadowview Center so they can proceed with new admissions based upon the revised order.

**Gary Hunt motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm.

**Motion seconded by Karen Martin**

**All members voted unanimously in favor**

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