



TOWN OF NORTH READING
Massachusetts

Board of Health

**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2023
Teleconference/Virtual**

Members Present: Gary Hunt, Chairman
Karen Martin
Pam Vath

Others Present:

Robert Bracey Health Director
Pam Merrill, Public Health Nurse
Christine Doolin Health Administrator
John Barrette
MaryandHugos
Eric Evans

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7:00 PM

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting

Public Health Nurse Report

Pam reports that we are getting ready to schedule the next Vision and Hearing Screening Clinic. There is a current waitlist and we are going to schedule the people on the list first. The goal is to have the vision and hearing screening done as a regularly scheduled clinic quarterly. The next clinic will be scheduled at the library and the physician will let us know if the space is appropriate for both.

Pam reports that there is a Shingles Vaccine Clinic set up for April 5th in room 14, from 4-6pm. The shingles vaccine is a two vaccine course and will be available for employees and residents over the age of 50. Certain insurances will not cover it and will restrict where you can get it. This clinic is by appointment only and Leah from Vaxinate RX will be checking patients insurance to make sure they are covered. The second option for residents is to go to one of the local pharmacies. There will be a second shingles vaccine clinic set up within the next 2 to 6 months.

Mr. Hunt asked who provides the shingles vaccine.

Pam stated the state provides the vaccine and it comes in boxes of ten.

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Pam stated that she is working on the Health and Wellness Fair and has applied for two interns from DPH. We did get approved for one intern but they do change them every three months. Pam stated that she has already been in touch with Lisa Egan who is the Chamber of Commerce for North Reading and Reading to offer business that are part of our Chamber to come and present and be active in the Health and Wellness fair.

Administrative Assistant

Chrissy Doolin updated the Board on permit renewals. All yearly permits have been issued to all food establishment, tobacco, tanning salon, mobile homes, septic installers and pumper/haulers. Funeral home permits expire April 1st, renewal letters were sent to Croswell and Cota. We received Croswell's application and expect Cota's application to come in this week. Pool and camp applications are starting to come in. Soil testing applications have come in and Alex Parker has helped with that and title 5 repairs and replacements are starting to come in as well.

Health Agents Report

Mr. Bracey reports that the Health Department did finalize and submit the annual report and the Health Department will be putting in a level funded budget for FY 2024.

Food Protection Program

Mr. Bracey reports that food inspections are getting done. We are finishing up with the schools and churches and will be caught up heading into the Title-5 season. An email went out to all the installers and engineers that we will begin the season on or around April 1st.

John Barrette asked if there is normally public comments on the agenda?

Gary Hunt stated not all the time, it depends on the agenda.

John Barrette stated that he wanted to put a news bulletin out there that he is going to have a special topic at the town meeting coming up. Mr. Barrette also stated that he would like for us to check out the voluminous information that he sent out regarding the Peer Review Medical Studies on the negative efficacies, as well as the harms caused by mask's and the high danger for our youth.

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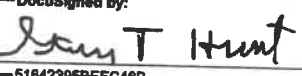
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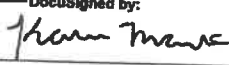
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Karen Martin motioned *to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.*
Motion seconded by Pam Vath
All members voted unanimously in favor

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Gary Hunt

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