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NORTH READING, MA

*Board of Health*

**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2020  
Teleconference/Virtual**

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

**Others Present:** Robert Bracey, Health Agent North Reading  
Stephanie Connolly  
David Mills- Resident

**7:00 PM**

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

**Minutes**

All previous minutes have been approved and posted to the Board of Health website.

**New Business:**

**School Reopening**

The schools released the reopening plan to the residents on 8/11/2020. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released guidance on best practices regarding situations that may occur at the schools. Karen Martin will follow up with Superintendent Dr. Daly regarding an action plan between the Board of Health and the schools. The Board of Health has some follow up questions

- How many people is considered a cluster? At the schools, one room, one wing/floor/ one building guidance.
- Who is responsible for following up with this population regarding contact tracking and education for families, School Department or Health Department?
- How many clusters before the schools are forced to close? Per unit of space?
- How long would the schools be required to close?



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**Public Health Nurse Position/Report**

A person was hired for the position of Public Health Nurse in North Reading. Pam has meet with this individual in order to assist in transferring information to the new Nurse. As of the time of this meeting this individual has decided to decline the position.

Pam Vath while assisting/training the new nurse has become aware of a cluster of 10 individuals that had recently traveled as positive cases. The Health Department is currently monitoring this cluster. Beginning last week Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) reporting procedures classified probable cases as positive cases. There has also been a report of three (3) salmonella cases, the origin of where the case was infected is unknown at this time.

**Health Agent Report**

Governor Baker is signing an updated gatherings order effective Tuesday August 11, 2020. Which will include

- Reduce the limit on outdoor gatherings from 100 to 50 people. Indoor gatherings will remain at the limit of 25 people.
- Apply these limits to all types of gatherings, on both public and private property
- Require face covering where more than 10 people from different households will be mixing.

Bars are not allowed to open at this time.

On July 20, 2020 the Massachusetts Department of Public Health detected its first case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in a resident from Plymouth County. For the News Release from the State please visit <https://www.northreadingma.gov/health-department/news/public-service-announcement-eee>

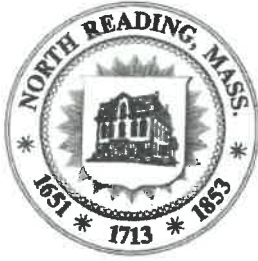
**9 Tower Hill Road**

This situation has been resolved privately and no longer requires the attention of the Board of Health.

**Martins Pond**

The Health Department was made aware of the fish kill that recently occurred at Martin's Pond. This is natural event. For more information regarding a fish kill please visit <https://www.northreadingma.gov/health-department/news/public-health-advisory-martins-pond>

Mr. Bracey has also been out to the site to investigate for and algae blooms. At this time there is no evidence of any.



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**Martin Fair Memorial**

The Board is working with the Parks Department is regards to a memorial for Mr. Fair. The idea of a boat shaped play structure was discussed as well as the possibility of a splash park. Mrs. Vath is following up with the Parks and Rec about this idea.

**Tobacco complaint**

The Health Department received a complaint regarding who is the authority to be doing compliance checks of the local retail establishments that hold a Tobacco License with the Town. This complaint identified Amy Luckiewicz as doing a "sting" at establishments in North Reading. Mr. Ron Beauregard is an agent of the Board though grand funding and has authority to do these compliance checks with the focus to educate the retail owners.

The next BOH meeting will be held Tuesday September 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

**Karen Martin motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

**Motion seconded by Pam Vath.**

**All members voted unanimously in favor.**

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Gary Hunt

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Karen Martin