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**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2020  
Teleconference/Virtual**

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

**Others Present:**

Robert Bracey, Health Agent North Reading	Michael Gilleberto Town Administrator
Stephanie Connolly	John Murphy, Town Moderator
David Mills- Resident	Abigail Hurlburt
Steve O'Leary, Select Board	Dr. Daly, Superintendent of Schools
Scott Buckley, School Committee	Maureen Doherty, Transcript
Amy DiChiara	

**7:00 PM**

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting.

**Minutes**

Previous minutes approved and posted to website.

**New Business:**

**Public Comment:**

Maureen Doherty asked what are the protocols regarding visiting family at Royal Meadow View Nursing Center. She has been told of a person that has not been able to see a family member. Pam had stated that when the facility was free and clear of all cases, they have in fact been having visitation for families. Royal Meadow View Nursing Center had set up a nice outside area to accommodate the visits. Pam will look into the specific issue more.

**School Reopening**

Dr. Daley gave an update to the reopening of schools. More guidance has come out from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The schools have reviewed all of



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this information. There are established protocols for “what to do when” type of situations. Public Health Nurse Pam Vath is working closely with the school nurses to ensure the safety of the staff and students. Both the staff and students are looking forward to starting hybrid learning.

**Public Health Nurse Position/Report**

As of September 10, 2020, North Reading has had a total of 234 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 171 from the community and 63 at or associated with the Royal Meadow View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Of those 234 cases 217 have recovered, and the Health Department is currently monitoring 3 active cases. There has been a total of 14 deaths, 12 of these were confirmed COVID-19 cases at or associated with the Meadow View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Amongst North Reading residents, there has been one death from a confirmed case and one death from a suspected case. Since 9/4/2020 there have been no new reported cases of COVID-19 with in North Reading. Other reported diseases include 2 cases of Salmonella, 1 case of Hepatitis A, 1 case of Hepatitis, and 1 case of Lyme disease.

At this time the position of Public Health Nurse continues to be advertised and interviewed for.

**Health Agent Report**

Mr. Bracey has send out reminders to all the restaurants and churches on the size of gathering as well as wearing facial coverings. The Health Department has been working with CVS and Wal-Mart to set up flu clinics. The Health Department has also been working with Dr. Daly in the hopes that we can have some flu clinics at the schools as school age children are required this year to have a flu shot. The Health Department has received a grant to be used to purchase a vaccine refrigerator.

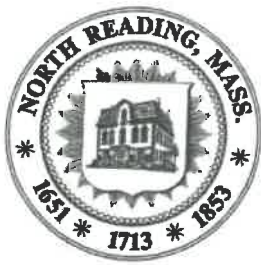
**October Town Meeting**

The October Annual Town Meeting has been recommended to take place outdoors. As the date moves closer the weather will be assessed as well as what alternative venues and or dates would potentially be needed.

**Pam motioned** to recommend to the Town Moderator that the October Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 11:00 am at 189 Park St, Kennedy Field.

**Motion Seconded by Karen Martin**

**All members voted unanimously in favor.**



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**Mikes Famous Roast Beef and Pizza**

An application was submitted to the Health Department from potential new ownership of the establishment. After the application and supporting documents were vetted, the application was denied.

**Martin Fair Memorial**

Karen Martin is planning to reach out to Margie Salt about potential location of this memorial.

**Interns for the Health Department**

Mary Samost discussed the potential of having nursing students act as interns for the Health Department. This topic has been discussed in the past and Mary is working on providing an agreement to the Town.


The next BOH meeting will be held Tuesday September 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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

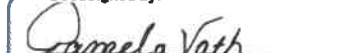
**Motion seconded by Pam Vath.**

**All members voted unanimously in favor.**

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