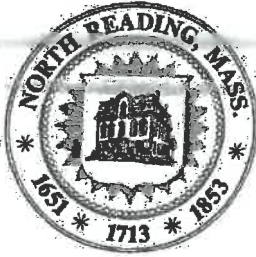


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**North Reading Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2020  
Teleconference/ Virtual**

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

**Others Present:**

Robert Bracey, Health Agent North Reading  
Mary Samost  
Amy DiChiara

Dallas Bailey  
Carol (Screen name)

**7:00 PM**

Mr. Gary Hunt opened the meeting

**Minutes**

Minutes to be reviewed at a future meeting.

**Public Comment**

None

**Health Department Announcements**

None

**Community Health Liaison Report**

None

**Community Impact Team Report**

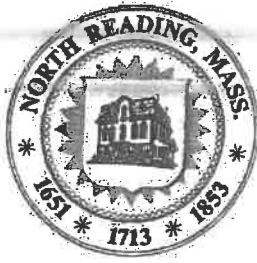
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**New Business:**

**COVID-19**

Pam Vath Public Health Nurse reports that current cases of COVID-19 in North Reading include 119 confirmed residents and 64 patients at or associated with Royal Meadow View. 99 cases have recovered and the Health Department continues to monitor 70 cases. There have been, 13 confirmed cases including 12 at or associated with Royal Meadow View, and 1 suspect case that are deceased.

Royal Meadow View is now able to relax the barrier that they had put up. Royal Meadow View is now able to start discussing patients going back to their original room. Contact tracking is going very well, school nurses have done very well. The contact tracking collaborative will be assisting with this once the school nurses go on summer break.



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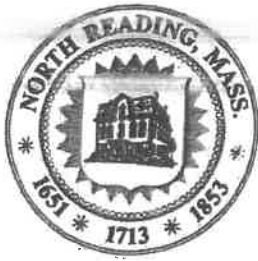
Mr. Bracey reports that on 5/26/2020 the catch basins will be treated for mosquito control. New tobacco compliance enforcement with the new state regulations will begin July 1, 2020. The Health Department is participating in weekly meetings with Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) regarding COVID-19.

Reopening Mass guidance was released May 18, 2020, The Health Department is reviewing the guidance that was released. The Health Department has been working with the local businesses to get them the information and helpful links they need to get into compliance in order to reopen. A COVID-19 Safety Plan will need to be written by the business as well as have the standards and protocols in place. Retail establishments can start curbside service starting May 25, 2020. We are currently still waiting on guidance regarding pools, summer camps and graduation.

FY2021 budget: Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has told Health Departments that these new safety standards, protocols, verification and inspections will be the responsibility of the local Health Departments to enforce moving forward. Any budget cuts to the Health office would be devastating to the public health and welfare of North Reading citizens and would lead to the following potential impacts:

- Inability and to educate, promote, improve and protect the wellbeing of the citizens of North Reading.
- The inability to develop and implement public health policies, regulations and bi-laws.
- The inability to conduct inspections and provide public health services to the community.
- The inability to follow up with disease, injury prevention, promotion and offering immunization clinics.
- Respond to bacterial illness, monitoring disease outbreaks and emergency preparedness needed to respond to pandemics such as COVID-19.
- Looking ahead the Health Department will need a full-time Public Health Nurse, as well as, funding remaining at Forty (40) hours a week for the Health Agent.

Graduation: The Health Department will review the guidance given by the state. Mr. Daley will work on a proposal for what the graduation will look like. Once the proposal is given to the Board, the Board will review.



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Next meeting to be held 5/28/2020 at 7:00pm

**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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