



Meeting Minutes #0224.21

MEDFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH Meeting dated February 24, 2021

Members Present: Stephen Resch, Carol Read, Holly Rand, Melissa Coughlin and Kathleen Thompson, members,

Also Present: Bridget Sweet, Health Agent, Nancy Bennotti, Administrative Assistant Kristine Trierweiler, Town Administrator; Jeffrey Kane; Meena Chivukula, Chris McCue Potts, IphoneIphone, Joanna Hom, Julie Obbagy, Pat Welsh, Meghan Glenn, Emily Thibault and Jessica Reilly

Meeting was through Zoom teleconferencing.

Dr Resch opened the meeting by reading the notice of meeting by remote participation.

The health agent, Mrs Sweet, updated the Board as follows: With regard to vaccine distribution through the regional coalition, NC8, the coalition is trying to put together a proposal in order to meet the requirements imposed by the state in order to continue as a site. The requirement is 750 shots per day for a minimum of 5 days. MDPH has advised that there will be an emergency call tomorrow morning, did not disclose the content, perhaps they will address distribution. Mrs. Read relayed efforts of the Town of Needham leadership to try to continue as a vaccine site. Mrs. Sweet also stated that the town boards of health are no longer receiving the weekly surveys that allow towns to re-order the vaccine. Ambulance companies who have been piloting a program with housing authorities are also finding the same result with regard to ordering the vaccine.

Mrs Trierweiler advised that CVS has expressed reservations about moving to the COA location. Mrs. Thompson stated that she has not received any updated information from CVS but is hoping to have a school site clinic for employees when the appropriate phase presents itself. Mrs Read asked about the housing authority availability. Mrs. Sweet stated that she will reach out again to the Director of Tilden Village.

Mrs. Sweet continued with inspections conducted for septic repairs, inspections and an electrical fire at a food establishment. Mrs. Trierweiler and Mrs Sweet discussed a request for Waiting on state for updated guidance regarding day camps. Shared a coaching module with Kevin Ryder at Medfield Parks & Recreation, will also share with his staff which details covid-19 protocols regarding return to sports. Bridget will send to Mrs Thompson and Mrs. Coughlin.

Mrs Thompson relayed that there was some confusion this week for parents of youth basketball players as the coach requested testing which conflicted with that of public health nurse. Also, pool testing begins Thursday, February 25th with students in Cohort B at the Middle and High School and staff in all buildings. DESE has extended the funding for this program through April 18th.

Two town residents, Jeff Kane and Meena Chivukula, are attending today's meeting as both have expressed interest in joining the Board of Health as Associate Members. Both residents introduced themselves to the board members and provided biographical information and took questions from the board members. Mrs. Trierweiler confirmed the process of joining the Board as an associate member.

Mrs Read wanted to discuss the formal request to the warrant committee. Mrs Trierweiler confirmed that she is requesting \$75,000.00 and the position will be full time, and the meeting with the warrant committee is Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:30 pm

Dr Resch confirmed that the Board of Health and the School Committee will have a combined meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Specific content to be determined and Dr Resch will provide update to members as soon as available.

Mrs Trierweiler requested that the Board of Health be on the agenda for the March 30, 2021 Board of Selectman meeting in order to discuss the re-opening metrics for the Council on Aging.

Mrs Trierweiler is planning that Town Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2021 and will be outside again this year, it may involve two days (either Sunday/Monday or Monday/Tuesday). The Town Meeting Moderator, Scott McDermott is meeting with the Board of Selectmen next Tuesday to discuss logistics.

Mrs Rand made a motion to adjourn, Mrs Thompson provided second. Roll call vote was 5-0, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.