

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

February 8, 2021

TOWN BUILDING

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Present by remote roll call were John G. Schuler M. D. (JS), Arne Soslow, M. D. (AS), Brian McNamara (BM), Susan Green (SG), Robert DeFrancesco (RD) Chair, Julia Junghanns, (JJ) Director of Public Health, Ruth Mori MSN, RN (RM)

Public Health Nurse/School Nurse Leader

RD: Roll call to open meeting: JS: Motion SG: Second AS – yes, JS – yes, BM- yes, RD-yes, SG – yes

5:34 p.m. Case report and updates on Covid-19

There will be a COVID vaccine clinic on Wed. Feb. 10th at St. Zepherin's Parish Center. The town has 100 doses to distribute. JJ anticipates Wayland will be getting another 100 doses to be administered again at St. Zepherin's Parish Center the following Wed. Feb. 17th. She believes CVS will also be receiving doses of vaccine.

RM gave the case report saying that this week there were 7 new cases, while the prior week there were 26. This reduction in cases is in line with the State reduction. RM plans to put together a report on COVID cases among teachers and students, but it is not yet available. At assisted living facilities, almost all residents have been vaccinated, except one resident who refused the vaccination and staff vaccinations are in process. There is still no evidence of in-school transmission. The hockey team needed to be quarantined because of a potential exposure, but there has been no case transmission thus far. Additionally, there has been no transmission in restaurants in recent weeks. There was one day care facility where a family member tested positive resulting in quarantine for a classroom.

JS noted that the number of deaths in the US during COVID is 50,000 greater than fatality rates in prior years which leads to the question of where 400,000 COVID related deaths came from. In 2017 and 2018 there were 2.8 million deaths, in 2019, 2.85 million deaths and in 2020, 2.9 million. He stated, perhaps people died with COVID but not of it. AS warned that the variants coming into prominence in the US could be scary and that the data will become clearer in years to come.

5:47 p.m. General business, approve minutes July 20, 2020, February 1, 2021, approve bills if any

JS: Motion to accept the July 20, 2020 minutes. BM: second. AS – yes, JS – yes, BM- yes, RD-yes, SG – yes

SG: Motion to accept the February 1, 2021 minutes. JS: second. AS – yes, JS – yes, BM- yes, RD-yes, SG – yes

BM: Motion to approve the bills send to BoH on Feb. 5, 2021. AS: second. AS – yes, JS – yes, BM- yes, RD-yes, SG – yes

JJ said that the opening of kindergarten 4 days a week is proceeding. Arthur Unobskey wrote

to parents earlier in the day to inform them that kindergarten will open for all students after the February break.

Next meeting: March 1, 5:30 pm

5: 54 p.m. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting, if any
None

5:55 p.m. Public Comment
None

6:20 p.m. Public comment

SG Motion to adjourn the meeting, BM: second roll call JS yes AS yes BM yes RD yes SG yes.

6:56 Adjourned

Submitted by Board of Health member Susan Green

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