

LEICESTER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2021

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Board of Health Members in Attendance:

Chris Montiverdi, Richard Spaulding, Diane Moffat

Office of Public Health Attendees:

Francis Dagle, Board of Health Agent

Kelly Conroy, BOH Administrative Assistant

Other Staff Attendees:

Michelle Buck, Director of Inspectional Services/Town Planner

Documents:

Agenda

Meeting Packet Document, April 26, 2021

Richard Spaulding, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

R. Spaulding did a roll call. D. Moffat, present; R. Spaulding, present. C. Montiverdi will be late.

Motion: D. Moffat moved to accept minutes dated March 15, 2021 as presented.

Second: R. Spaulding

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: All in favor (2-0-1)

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT

COVID-19 Updates:

The public nurse reported on the number of cases, still in yellow category, the predominant cases being the 0-19 age range. She also reported about that success of the 2nd vaccination clinic at the Leicester Housing Authority. We were able to vaccinate 40 people of qualifying groups. The clinic for those 40 individuals will be held at the Leicester Fire/EMS station on May 13, 2021.

C. Montiverdi (Chair) entered meeting at 6:37p.

Health Agent entered meeting 6:40p.

Health Agent began with the discussion on opening the Library. All board members are in receipt of proposal sent by S. Hall, Library Director outlining the opening proposal for limited use and hours. R. Spaulding had no issues upon first review. The health agent and other board members have concerns with no sign in and lack of contract tracing. The Library Director has concerns with lack of privacy, stating require patrons to sign in goes against the Library Bill of Rights from the American Library Association. Board members and Health Agent made some suggestions for alternatives to signing in. The Health Agent requested that the Library Director furnish a list of other open libraries so he may reach out to them and their Health Departments to check their policies. The Board of Trustees for the library asked for clarification/explanation of contact tracing. The public nurse gave detail information. The board and health agent agreed that without contact tracing the library will remain closed and continue with curbside as much as they all want to see it open. The Trustees requested the Health Agent come to their next meeting to update on his research and to be placed on the next Board of Health agenda.

A local establishment put up a sign entrance reading, if you are fully vaccinated, masks are optional. Health Agent has been in contact and sign has been removed. One more violation and they may incur a fine.

We submitted a grant for shared services between: North Brookfield, Barre, New Braintree, Hardwick and Holden, with Leicester taking the lead. We are still awaiting response.

Next meeting scheduled for May 17, 2021

C. Montiverdi motioned that the meeting be adjourned.

Second: D. Moffat

Discussion: None

Roll call vote: All in favor (3-0-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.