

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES**



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**TOWN OF MILLBURY
JANUARY 13, 2021
REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting Location: Millbury Town Hall – Board of Health Office and Zoom Meeting ID 876 8983 1609

Members Present: Ronald J. Marlborough, Jim Morin, John Dufresne

Staff Present: Judy Bater

Health Agents Present: Julie Van Arsdalen, Cheryl Rawinski

Absent: None

Guest/s Present: None

Call to Order: Ron called to order the meeting of the Millbury Board of Health at 4:00 PM on January 13, 2021 in Millbury Town Hall Board of Health Office and Zoom.

Approve Minutes: Tabled

Review/Vouchers: Signed Vouchers

Department Update: Judy stated the office has been busy, permitting haulers, training Gail, calls for Covid vaccines.

Cheryl Rawinski, Public Health Nurse: Cases are out of control for all of the towns that she covers. Nothing standout. Started Covid clinics – did one last night in Upton for first responders went very smoothly and today she went to Worcester Vaccine enrollment renew our number which is done annually. Also, she wants to get our medical director paid for his services, he needs a W9. She also stated the congregate wants to have their release from Quarantine. Millbury Fire Dept. came to the clinic today from Millbury. Dispatchers are also able to be vaccinated at this time. Cheryl has been in contact with the housing authority, Lisa Benice. Congregate housing someone went in and did swab testing. Carol Smith was asking about her congregate members to be immunized. Cheryl stated phase 2. Very busy dealing with questions associated with daycares. Jim asked about Covid clinics here. Cheryl said the paperwork is extensive. Cheryl stated staff, EMS, Drugs in case of reactions, Police, Registration people, many nurses. Cheryl stated they have to use a computer to get an appointment. You have to give them their second appointment before they leave. Our elder

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community may have a difficult time with the on-line sign up process. Cheryl stated she had a difficult time figuring it out. Will you have staff to make appointments for them? How many clinics, you would need more than one day. Cheryl stated a lot of hands on deck. What about the home bound people? Cheryl stated she did not realize how many congregate living facilities exist. Covid clinic is a very big undertaking. John and Ron asked if some towns are not having clinics and are they pushing it off to Worcester. Cheryl said she wonders where the group homes are getting their vaccine. Vaccine is fragile, frozen for a period of time, must thaw and once cap is off and punctured you must use within 6 hours. You must order 100 doses. Appointments are critical. Julie mentioned potential of MDPH using a mobile unit. Cheryl said they did not do the congregate living. Cheryl said people don't drive into Worcester. Julie said that if they choose to do it as a community they need to have their ducks in a row. Grad students were helping at the Worcester clinic. Doctors volunteered, school nurses volunteered. Dr. Hirsh instructed, a lot of training was given. They have a person who schedules the volunteers and works closely with all of the colleges. Ron asked how does the Governor think a small town can handle this. Cheryl stated that he doesn't. They were encouraging regionalization. Cheryl stated some communities are regionalizing so the general population can go to one site out of town. Cheryl is also looking for possibly 75 and older and maybe do a clinic just for them. Ron asked if should could do a clinic, maybe one a day at each of the apartment complexes. Cheryl said it's a novel vaccine and it is two doses. Cheryl said she has to sit with you for 15 minutes to a ½ hour. She has COVID restrictions for people. Ron said we need an entire meeting for just figuring this out. She said we do not have a freezer. Ron would like to have Worcester resources. Cheryl said we would like to discuss with Worcester. Cheryl mentioned some other potential options. Ron wants everyone around the table. Cheryl said 50 plus volunteers would be needed. Cheryl said you have a huge population you would have to have numerous clinics. Brief discussion about the Covid cases at the schools. The school running totals are Shaw has 18 Cases, 19 at Elmwood and 32 at the H.S.

Health Agent Update:

John asked about the complaint at Millbury Avenue. Julie stated it is a single family home and it is owner occupied, 3 dogs unlicensed, the owner is on vacation this week. They have a host of issues. They do not have to let Julie in. John stated the outside of the house is disgusting. John asked if police and animal control have reported back. Julie said this is not an emergency situation. They do have running water Julie stated. Julie has been busy with various complaints. Ron stated Julie has been working with a sensitive issue with a melted boiler.

Variance/Local Upgrades: None

CRMPHA Update: Not Available

New/Old Business: None

Tobacco Regulations: Tabled until such time as we have a new Tobacco Representative

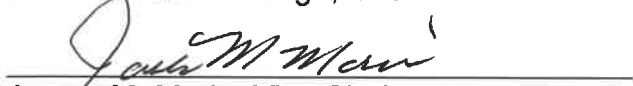
Next Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn at 5:10 PM: John Dufresne made a motion to Adjourn

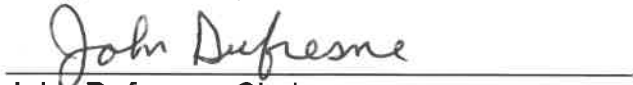
Seconded: Jim Morin. Unanimous. Approved.



Ronald J. Marlborough, Chair



James M. Morin, Vice Chair



John Dufresne, Clerk