BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES



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TOWN OF MILLBURY JANUARY 21, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Location: Millbury Town Hall - Board of Health Office and Zoom Meeting ID 927

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

Staff Present: Judy Bater

Health Agents Present: Cheryl Rawinski

Absent: None

Guest/s Present: Sean Hendricks, Town Manager

Call to Order: Ron called to order the meeting of the Millbury Board of Health at 4:00 PM on

January 21, 2021 in Millbury Town Hall Board of Health Office and Zoom.

Approve Minutes: Jim Morin made a motion to approve minutes of 11-18-2020 and 1-13-

2021. Second by Ron Marlborough. All Approved.

Review/Vouchers: None

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Discussion:

Ron Marlborough spoke with Karyn Clark who deferred him to Jamie Terrie who stated that her role is not to plan vaccine clinics. Ron is not pleased that he does not have representation from the Alliance at this meeting as he had requested. He feels upon his request that someone should be here. Cheryl stated that because the nursing piece is handled by her and not the Alliance that Karyn is deferring to her. Cheryl further stated that this is not Jamie Terries role. Jamie had told Ron that she comes in after the plan is set. Sean Hendricks stated that he was at the clinic and part of the reason she is not attending this meeting is that she is having meeting tomorrow morning. Sean further stated that the clinic was well run. Sean also feels that rather than talking individual to each town she is having one meeting on Friday. Sean wanted the Board to know that we do have some communication. Ron appreciated that but was disappointed that he did not have more of a conversation with Karyn. Ron asked about the registration. Ron asked if we need lap tops for the clinics? Cheryl stated you do need them. Cheryl stated that Upton had 100 doses one day and another 100 doses another day. Cheryl

said the documentation is very involved and you need training on the prep-mod piece. Cheryl stated that the pre-registration will be a stumbling block for the elder community as that is how you have to register. She said this has to be printed and brought with them. She said they sent people to color-coded clothed tables. Then they check out with a nurse to enter in the information and schedule the second dose and have them register on line and they get a card. You need to sign up and those clinics are reserved for the people who need the second dose. People need to wait 15 minutes to watch for reactions. Cheryl stated that it was run very smoothly. Cheryl stated that they had very few volunteer people. Sean stated that Worcester have people signing up for the second clinic during their observation time. Sean feels we should have more clarity tomorrow. He feels vaccine availability would be March 1st. He is currently ordering appropriate tents/supplies. Sean stated "what is our responsibility level?" would be a question for tomorrows conference with Karyn. Ron asked about congregate setting and could we have the vaccine at their facility. Cheryl stated some obstacles associated with that. Ron stated that the community room might work if he spoke with Carol Smith. Cheryl stated that Worcester had a lot of volunteers such as medical students and nurses. Cheryl does not think getting vaccinators a problem. This would be Moderna vaccine, you take it out of the freezer 2 hours before the clinic and then it goes into a cooler with a thermometer and then once the vile is opened it lasts for 6 hours and each vile contains 10 shots. We have not been wasting any vaccine. We have been very cognizant to use all vaccine. Sean feels creating a list of how many people you will be vaccinating and then ordering the vaccine for the amount of people that you have interested in getting the vaccine is a key piece. Cheryl stated you have to also take into consideration the second doses. Need to identify the people and get the word out to them. Cheryl mentioned about billing insurance. The vaccine does not come with gloves/sharps containers/band aids, etc. She did say that no one would be denied for not having insurance but they may want to consider billing insurance to cover the other incidentals associated with the vaccine. Cheryl stated that hospitals have nurses working at these clinics for time and ½. Cheryl feels the clinics are do-able. She said we have our own pin number or are we using the pin number from the city of Worcester, this needs to be determined. Cheryl stated that we do not have the freezer here. Sean wanted it on the record that he is aware this is bigger than EMA. Cheryl stated that no kids are getting the vaccine at this time as the vaccine has age restrictions. Ron mentioned he has seen that Walgreen in Shrewsbury was the only available pharmacy in the area that he has seen. Jim stated that we should wait for tomorrow and see how the conference goes. Jim asked how they can get the minutes to the meeting tomorrow with Karyn. Cheryl said he would take some notes. Cheryl further mentioned that the numbers have been going down for a couple of days and this seems to be in all of her communities. She is not sure if people didn't get tested on the Holiday weekend.

Department Update: Not discussed

Cheryl Rawinski, Public Health Nurse: As stated above

Health Agent Update: Not discussed

Variance/Local Upgrades: None

CRMPHA Update: Not discussed

New/Old Business: None

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

Next Meeting: 1-27-2021 at 4:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn at 4:40 PM: John Dufresne made a motion to Adjourn

Seconded: Jim Morin. Unanimous. Approved.

Ronald & Marlborough, Chair

James M. Morin, Vice Chair

John Dufresne, Clerk