BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES



TOWN OF MILLBURY FEBRUARY 17, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

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Meeting Location: Millbury Town Hall - Board of Health Office and Zoom Meeting ID 853

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

Staff Present: Judy Bater

Health Agents Present: Cheryl Rawinski, Julie VanArsdalen

Absent: None

Guest/s Present: Sean Hendricks, Lisa Redmond

Call to Order: Ron called to order the meeting of the Millbury Board of Health at 3:00 PM on February 17, 2021 in Millbury Town Hall Board of Health Office and Zoom.

Approve Minutes: Jim Morin made a motion to approve minutes of 2-10-2021. Second by Ron Marlborough. All Approved.

Review/Vouchers: None

Ron mentioned the contract with the Worcester should be renewed and they were not happy with a one-year contract and would like a three-year contract.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Discussion:

Cheryl stated the Governor announced that he is opening up another phase on 2-18-2021 for 65 with comorbidities. Worcester State opened their Mass Vaccination Site being run by Saint Vincent's Hospital. Mary-Lou Sudders sent a letter today stating no vaccine for local level. Cheryl read from this letter. Ron asked Judy to send this letter via email to Senator Moore. Must meet very stringent categories to have a clinic. Effective March 1, 2021 vaccine will not be provided to the local health departments. Cheryl stated that meanwhile Carol Smith is contacting her to submit her survey for vaccine and arrange for a clinic. Carol is thinking it is appointment booking time. Cheryl said she was on the conference with Worcester yesterday. Millbury was identified. Julie said Worcester will provide Cheryl with the vaccine. Someone has to reach out to Karyn and state that they are still interested. However, this week due to the weather they did not get their shipment of vaccine this week and the State was taking back

vaccine from facilities. Cheryl does not know where she is going with any of this it is very disheartening. Cheryl heard that they are conducting vaccination trials on children now. Ron mentioned that the School Committee voted for Elmwood School to go back 4 days with Wednesdays off and sports were approved. Julie stated that we need to reach out to Karyn Clark in regards to our desire to have a clinic. Julie said to also send to Dr. Matilde Castiel. Carol Smith can partner with the City of Worcester in regards to a clinic for Senior Affordable Housing as that vaccine comes from a different pot of vaccine. Judy asked who would be handling the prep-mod piece of that since Karyn is the Vaccine Coordinator not Cheryl. Cheryl could assist with the clinic but they need to ask how Karyn would like to handle that. From an operational stand-point we are ready to roll. Cheryl stated that Judy O'Connor is right on the ball and booking people at clinics and working round the clock on this and doing a great job on this. Ron asked how long can you really go in between your first shot and your second shot. Cheryl said she has run into a situation with a person in limbo as they were in one facility and then this person was transferred to another facility and he missed his 2nd vaccine. Cheryl said we need to stay tuned till tomorrow. Sean stated that we are ready to go in regards to getting a clinic together and that should be commended. We just need the vaccine. Cheryl stated this is a larger group and we are not even done with the 75 year olds. Cheryl was very disheartened with the manner this has been handled in regards to spouses of 75 year olds that did not meet the criteria due to being 74 ½ being turned away and then they open it up to anyone accompanying the 75 year olds. John asked what information is required to make an appointment for a vaccine on line. Cheryl stated at one of her clinics she did have a person who had a reaction and they had to administer an epi pen. Next meeting March 3rd.

Department Update: Judy stated the office is busy.

Cheryl Rawinski, Public Health Nurse: As stated above

Health Agent Update: Ron asked about the Sausage Truck that turned over and asked if anyone received a call on it and Julie stated that she did. They Fire Dept. were not called and Julie examined the load and contacted all insurance companies and condemned and destroyed as it was exposed to the environment. The owner of MIA trucking did not want to transfer the load. Ron stated that his issue is he received no call that night or morning and no call. Julie stated it was State Police as it was on the Mass. Pike. Ron said the Millbury Police called him in regards to the water break and Feng's. Julie stated she was stuck in all of the traffic like anyone else and she stated they will come get her next time.

Variance/Local Upgrades: None

CRMPHA Update: Tabled

New/Old Business: None

Tobacco Regulations: Tabled

Next Meeting: 3-3-2021 at 3:00 PM

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Motion to Adjourn at 3.55 PM: John Dufresne made a motion to Adjourn
Seconded: Ron Marlborough. Unanimous. Approved.
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Ronald J. Marlborough, Chair
James M. Morin, Vice Chair
John Dupesne
John Dufresne, Clerk