

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES**



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**TOWN OF MILLBURY
DECEMBER 29, 2021
REGULAR MEETING**

2022 JAN 11 PM 4:23
TOWN CLERK
MILLBURY, MASS.

Meeting Location: Millbury Town Hall – Board of Health Office and Zoom 885 1616 0243

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: Sean Hendricks, Town Manager

Call to Order: Ron called to order the meeting of the Millbury Board of Health at 2:00 PM on December 29, 2021 in Millbury Town Hall Board of Health Office.

Review/Vouchers: Reviewed

Approve Minutes: Ron Marlborough made a motion to accept the minutes of December 8, 2021. Second by John Dufresne. All in Favour. Approved.

Test Kits:

Test Kits 544 (2 to each) 270 Kits.(3) cases.

The Board discussed various options to distribute test kits. Ron wanted to give some to the senior center. Leave a case here for emergencies and pass out whatever we have left. Jim asked about housing. Cheryl has been dealing with shut-ins. She would like a few for her cases if they may need them. Possibly some group homes. Ron said that is a Federal program. Cheryl stated that seniors in general that may want them. They are given to seniors. Discussed meals on wheels delivering to the shut-ins. Give a box to the senior center to distribute and keep a list. Cheryl is seeing a huge influx of cases in Millbury. Sean recommends posting a few days after New Year's. Jim liked helping seniors. 90 per case (1 box here), (1 box at senior center). Sean will be able to coordinate next week.

Test Kits Decision: The Board decided to give 1 box per household for symptomatic residents over 65.

COVID-19/Public Health Nurse Update: Cheryl stated that the numbers this month are steadily increasing and today out of control.

Julie discussed mask mandates. Sean is not against mandating and wants the Board to be on board. Sean will step things up in town buildings but feels it should be town wide with Board support. Sean stated that individual businesses have the right to restrict people to require masks. Cheryl stated many surrounding towns, including, Mendon, Northbridge, Millville, Upton are closing or in discussion for closing town buildings. Ron stated Worcester has a mask mandate and cases have risen. Cheryl mentioned the Worcester clinics have been opened up to the Alliance towns. Cheryl has been in contact with a private pharmacy to have a walk-in clinic for boosters/vaccines and she is trying to see what she can do for Millbury. She needs a site that is large enough to handle about 500 people in and out.

Back to the mask mandate, Sean stated, the Town Hall has a recommendation to wear masks. He does not want to have his employees being confrontational with the public. The Board asked Sean if he would like to close the town hall to the public for January.

MASK MANDATE - MOTION: Jim Morin made a motion effective, January 3rd, 2022 to have a Mask Mandate at all municipal buildings and if the Town Manager deems necessary the Board gives full discretion to Town Manager to close municipal buildings. 2nd by John Dufresne. All in Favour. Approved.

Sean wanted to discuss the new guidance for isolation and quarantine. Cheryl stated that DPH had not ratified the CDC guidance until today. Cheryl stated more to come with this.

Health Agent Update: Tabled

Department Update: Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Variance/Local Upgrades: None

CRMPHA Update: Tabled

New/Old Business: None


Next Meeting: 1-12-2022 at 3:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn at 2:40 PM: Jim Morin made a motion to Adjourn
Seconded: John Dufresne. Unanimous. Approved.



Ronald J. Marlborough, Chair

James M. Morin, Vice Chair



John Dufresne, Clerk