

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES**



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**TOWN OF MILLBURY
JANUARY 31, 2022
REGULAR MEETING**

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Meeting Location: Millbury Town Hall – Board of Health Office and Zoom 814 1821 9633

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

Staff Present: Judy Bater

Health Agents Present: None

Absent: None

Guest/s Present: Karyn Clark CMRPHA, Maxine, Deb Stringer

Call to Order: Ron called to order the meeting of the Millbury Board of Health at 3:05 PM on January 31, 2022 in Millbury Town Hall Board of Health Office.

Discussion to Rescind the Mask Mandate: Jim stated the numbers are way down and the reason it was in place were the numbers were in high. Ron read the case numbers for the past few weeks showing a decrease. Karyn stated the Worcester numbers were about 1200 for one week. Karyn urges them to keep in place for another week. She stated the numbers are still high even though they are significantly lower. She feels the blizzard hindered testing. Ron feels with all due respect that all over the State, the numbers are down and furthermore no one is standing outside at the Mercadanti center, as he does not see any long lines. Karyn stated people are home testing and we do not have a good feel for the real numbers due to that. Ron stated we would never have that number. Karyn further urged the Board to wait another week. Karyn stated the numbers are high and transmission is still a factor. Ron stated people are not wearing masks even with the mandate. Ron is for pulling the mandate. Jim feels Karyn has never steered them wrong. Karyn stated since the Governor rescinded the mask mandate it has been challenging. Karyn stressed that their Medical Director reviews this data on a daily basis and the recommendation of her medical staff's expertise is to wait another week. John and Ron stated that they get a lot of hate mail. Karyn is empathetic to this.

MOTION: John made a motion to wait until February 9, 2022 and re-evaluate the mask mandate. Seconded by Jim Morin.

Karyn stated that protecting public health is the goal and she thanked the Board for listening.

Review/Vouchers: Tabled

Approve Minutes: Tabled

COVID-19/Public Health Nurse Update: Tabled

Health Agent Update: Tabled

Department Update: Judy stated the office was busy handing out Covid Test Kits. Ron asked about the Cake Shop as he was watching a meeting and noted they have a new owner and why didn't he know about it. Judy explained this was continuous operation and just a matter of a new permit. He asked why he did not know. Judy explained that they were just in here last week and Julie would most likely update the Board at the next meeting, as she always does. Judy stated this is standard.


Variance/Local Upgrades: None

CRMPHA Update: Tabled

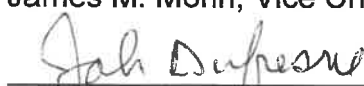
New/Old Business: None

Next Meeting: 2-09-2022 at 3:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn at 2:40 PM: John Dufresne made a motion to Adjourn at 3:25 PM
Seconded: Jim Morin. Unanimous. Approved.



Ronald J. Marlborough, Chair

James M. Morin, Vice Chair


John Dufresne, Clerk