

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES**



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**TOWN OF MILLBURY
FEBRUARY 8, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

Staff Present: Julie VanArsdalen, Judy Bater

Health Agents Present: Cheryl Rawinski

Absent: None

Guest/s Present: CareOne, Candace Chamberlain and Eryn Yong

Call to Order: Jim Morin called to order the meeting of the Millbury Board of Health at 3:00 PM on February 8, 2023, in Millbury Town Hall Board of Health Office.

Approve Minutes: John Dufresne made Motion to accept Minutes of January 11, 2023, 2nd Ron Marlborough. All in favour, approved.

Review Vouchers: Reviewed and Signed

CareOne: Cheryl introduced CareOne and stated they invited them to introduce new faces and wanted to offer their assistance if they should have any outbreaks. Candace stated that this is a new position for Erin, and they would appreciate any advice. They feel they did do a good job isolating Covid patients. They are encouraging N95 masks be worn by staff and visitors. No one has passed from Covid since she has been there. Rebound Covid was not observed from the Paxlovid. However, no one is tested again unless they have symptoms. Employees are being tested every couple of days or twice a week. Having a designated area did not seem to prevent the spread. They give roommates the option to leave the room. They have had patients not get Covid from the infected patient. Ron asked about outside activities. They have not met the State criteria of having 30% infected requirement that would prevent outside activities. The patients would rather risk Covid over not having activities and visitors. John stated he would like the BOH office to receive the automated robo calls of positive case notifications from CareOne. CareOne will implement.

110 Worcester-Providence Turnpike: Julie VanArsdalen presented for Alpha Omega, Offset to Abutters 116 Worcester-Providence Turnpike Well 73' to SAS

MOTION: Ron Marlborough made a motion a motion to approve variance proposed SAS of 73' to abutters Well.

COVID-19/Public Health Nurse Update: Cheryl congratulated Millbury on 100% participation on yesterday's emergency preparedness drill. Covid has seen a little uptick. Covid is an immediate disease and she must respond within 24 hours, but that may be reclassified based on what the President has been stating. Though, the State can be more strict than what the President says. In addition, Cheryl stated that that she still get calls and still gives education and guidance. Flu vaccine amount was cut down to 130 based on the Boards recommendation. We will get some restitution. In order to get vaccine you must have a pin# from the State and if you do not have a pin# in place you may not be prepared for another emergency. We do have a Medicare # and MassHealth # and many towns do not have that. Dr. Belezos gives the authorization to order the vaccine from the State. Julie stated that she feels her renewal for Medicare is coming up. She asked why Sutton does not provide vaccine to Millbury. Cheryl stated that Millbury already had their own pin#. Cheryl stated we do home visits and will give a vaccine to the uninsured. Julie stated they have no funding available for Covid anymore.

Director of Public Health, Julie VanArsdalen, Update: Julie gave them a list of routine inspections that she has been working on. Julie is moving forward with receiverships with the AG's office. Julie reviewed complaints and stated a new bubble tea shop is coming.

Tobacco Control Alliance: Julie stated that Leominster is not eligible for funding, and they are looking for a host community for the tobacco piece. They are looking for Northbridge or Webster. We are looking to join the collaborative and Julie will be attending a meeting with Conor Robichaud on Thursday afternoon. The FDA also makes spot inspections and they notify us if they issue a fine.

Other Business: Ron was concerned about the High School complaint with the ceiling tiles. Ron stated they had a complaint on 1/27 whereas they showed pictures of ceiling tiles and water leak all the way down the hallway. Julie stated it was addressed.

Cheryl asked about a warming center. They were going to open up if they had interest. Ron stated that this is an issue. You should not have to call the Police Department if you have no heat. Ron stated a building should be open for heating or cooling needs, whether the residents use it or not. Ron feels, everything is always, "if they call". Cheryl stated that Region 2 Emergency funding may have cots on the list of items that you could get.

John printed from the web site the Emergency Preparedness information. John would like to have Karyn or Sean come to a meeting. John would like to have Sean come to a meeting to discuss it. Julie said they should meet with him individually. The Board feels they should be involved in the process of these heating and cooling stations and any catastrophic event.

Well Regulations and Body Art – Ron asked Julie to update those.

John asked about a failed septic on glover road – Julie has been getting assistance from CMRPC and as long as they continue pumping and do not have breakout they can continue to pump.

Ron will speak to Engine 2 regarding the pancake breakfast. As he was told that BOH was preventing this breakfast. Julie stated that she did not shut down the potential for a breakfast.

Cheryl stated that housing code has changes. Julie was aware of the changes.

Ron asked about the relevant software for inspections. Julie stated that she just got an acceptance letter. She needs an iPad surface proX. Cheryl will try to get two but needs the specific details of the products.

Millbury Housing Update: Ron stated it is on hold until it snows.

Department Update: Judy asked for clarification on the Call Down List as we are no longer part of the Worcester coalition. Ron would still like to be notified.

Variance/Local Upgrades: None

New/Old Business: None

Next Meeting: Next Meeting 3-8-2023.

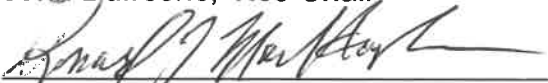
Motion to Adjourn at 4:20 PM: Ron Marlborough made a motion to Adjourn. Second by John Dufresne. All in Favour. Approved.



James M. Morin, Chair



John Dufresne, Vice Chair



Ronald J. Marlborough, Clerk