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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of January 27, 2021

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and given the current prohibitions on gatherings imposed by Governor Baker's March 23, 2020 "Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People," this public hearing was conducted virtually, as allowed by Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20.

The following Board of Health Members were present.

Leanne Jasset, Chair
Kathy Reda, Vice Chair
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Chairwoman Jasset called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Director's Update

Interim Director Bridget Sweet was unavailable for this meeting, so Madam Chair gave the update. The Health Department continues to respond to calls regarding COVID-19 and the State's safety guidelines. Vice Chair Kathy Reda reminded everyone that wearing a mask is still required even after receiving the first vaccination.

Member Mary Ellard moved to approve holding a COVID-19 vaccine clinic to for residents ages 75 and older on Saturday, February 6, 2021, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Dedham Middle School. Vice Chair Kathy Reda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was unanimous in favor. Signups and registration for these clinics will be made more accessible for the elderly population and the Health Department will facilitate the registration process.

The Board of Health hopes to conduct more vaccination clinics in the future as the Department receives additional vaccine from the State. Madam Chair spoke with Town Manager Leon Goodwin about the plans to reopen the Town Hall to the Public. His response was: Town Hall is currently in phase two of its reentry plan adopted after consultation with the reentry Task Force back in June of 2020. Town Hall is open by appointment only and providing curbside service, as many departments have determined that they can accomplish business without face-to-face interactions. He stated that he will continue to reevaluate based on the Governor's orders, the infection rate, other COVID-19 related factors, as well as the ability to conduct essential business.

Member Mary Ellard made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Kathy Reda and Chairwoman Leanne Jasset Seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the Board of Health's Meeting held on January 27, 2021 which minutes were approved on July 7, 2021.

Leanne Jasset – Chairman