

**Longmeadow Board of Health  
Remote Teleconference Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Monday, November 30, 2020**

The remote meeting conducted using a teleconference format was called to order at 7:00P.M. by Dr. Robert Baevsky, Co-Chair.

Dr. Baevsky started the meeting reading the Governors Open Town Meeting protocol defining the guidelines for all Town meetings as gatherings are suspended since March 18, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All the information on this guideline is posted on the Longmeadow Town Website. Members present and responding by a verbal roll call from the Vice-Chair were Dr. Robert Baevsky, Dr. Richard Steingart, Dr. Barry Izenstein, and Dr. Anastasios Angelides.. Beverly Hirschhorn, CHO, was also in attendance and recorded he minutes Pro-tem.

The Minutes of the Sept. 8, Oct 13, and Oct 21 Meetings of the Board of Health were approved as written unanimously by a roll call vote.

Board members acknowledged unanimously by rollcall vote their receipt of the notification of the Attorney General's Office dated Nov. 10, 2020. The Board voted to disclose unanimously by roll vote that the notification was an informal finding by the Office indicating a violation of Open Meeting Law in regard to shared input by Board of Health members to a June 10 email. Both the Nov. 10, 2020 notice to the Board of Health and the email of June 10 listed in the complaint will be attached to the Minutes of the Nov. 30, 2020, when approved for posting on the Town website (re; electronic archive of approved minutes of Boards and Committees).

Election of New Officers: With one current vacancy and another vacancy in the Board to occur on January 1, 2021, the members in attendance voted unanimously by roll call vote to defer election of officers until the vacancies have been filled. The Board directed the Health Director to respectfully request the Selectboard on its behalf to take action to appoint infill the vacancies as soon possible,

The Board voted unanimously to rescind the Board's local regulation mandating the TB testing of all prospective School Dept. volunteer, staff and others who would have substantial contact with students (e.g. student teachers). However, the Board also voted to impose the use of the MDPH TB Assessment Tool as a TB screening tool for all prospective School employees and others subject to the rescinded local regulation. A positive response to any of the three screening question would trigger a screening by the Town Nurse.

The Health Director provided an overview of the most recent Town Covid data.

The Board heard the request of Mr. Craig Brown to reinstall the disabled basketball hoops at schools and Town parks All Town-owned basketball hoops were disabled in the early summer due to violations of Covid mitigation measures and concerns of transmission of COVID. Mr. Brown stated that the hoops behind Center School are not heavily used and did not think that transmission issues pertained in this case. The Board voted unanimously by rollcall vote to defer action on this matter until the next meeting. Also, the Board directed the Health Director to gather information from nearby communities as to the current status (i.e.open or disabled) of their Town's public basketball hoops.

Finally the Board received a request from a Town resident, John Eisler,, to impose local restrictions on Town food service establishments including possibly a closure of all indoor food service to lower community transmission of COVID. There is no local evidence from review of the *Town confirmed case files* that food service establishments have been cited as a site of transmission. Given to the lack of a local condition as a basis for the promulgation of a local regulation, the Board unanimously voted not to move forward with a local regulation to increase COVID restrictions that are more stringent than the Mass. Food Service Sector Standard.

Following a unanimous roll call vote for adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59PM/

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hirschhorn, MPH CHP  
Secretary, Pro-tem