

**Longmeadow Board of Health  
Remote Teleconference Meeting  
7:00PM Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Dr. Robert Rappaport, Chair, and members present by verbal roll call from the Chair were Dr. Barry Izenstein, Dr. Robert Baevsky, Dr. Richard Steingart and Maripat Toye, MS, RN. Beverly Hirshhorn, CHO, was also in attendance and in roll call. Dr. Rappaport reviewed the new introduction guidelines for the Commonwealth of MA. from the Governors orders in managing public bodies/meetings and participation remotely, and in that providing reasonable public access for public comment periods and that the capacity for the public to participate will be posted on the Town website with information on how to join and the information codes to join (except in the cases of “Executive Sessions”). The ground rules for remote meetings were covered that included that the Chair will introduce each and any speaker, any speaker will be identified and recognized through the Chair, phones would be muted when not speaking, and name of each speaker is to be announced before speaking.

1. Public Comment Period 7:00-7:05PM

The Longmeadow High School (LHS) Principal, Mr. Tom Landers, Vice Principal, Mr. Paul Dunkerly, and the School Superintendent, Mr. Martin O’Shea, spoke during this period on a proposal they created to conduct a LHS graduation during this current COVID-19 pandemic and with social distancing considerations. They propose an outdoor LHS graduation on the football field for 256 graduates and 512 guests and 25 personnel and state that they have also been in contact with the Longmeadow Police Dept. and the Longmeadow Fire Chief in making the proposal to help manage the event. They propose dates in June, 2020. They answered the BOH questions and copies of the proposal were provided to the BOH members prior to the meeting.

2. Acceptance of April 30 ,2020 Meeting Minutes

The BOH reviewed the BOH meeting minutes. The motion to approve the BOH meeting minutes was called by Dr. R. Baevsky. Second for motion approval: Dr. R. Steingart. A yes vote to approve: Dr. R. Baevsky, B. Izenstein, Dr. R. Rappaport, Dr. R. Steingart and M. Toye, RN. A no vote: none.

3. Enforcement of Governor’s Orders: Appointment of Longmeadow Police to assist in enforcement of Orders (re: wearing of masks, occupancy of grocery stores, golfing, etc.) during the COVID-19 pandemic. The BOH discussed a motion to appoint the Longmeadow Police Department as Agents for the Longmeadow BOH for COVID-19 Enforcement activities “as proposed by the governor.” The motion:

Pursuant to the authority of Mass. General Laws Chapter 111, Section 30, the Longmeadow Board of Health hereby appoints the sworn officers, supervisors, and commanders of the Longmeadow Police Dept. as agents of the Longmeadow Board of Health for the purpose of public outreach, enforcement of local Board of Health regulations. Mass. Dept. of Public Health regulations, and Governor’s Orders, and other mitigation activities in regard to COVID-19 Control.

The Longmeadow Police Dept. will consult with the Longmeadow Board of Health regarding protocol, policies, and interpretation of regulations when engaging in these activities and will document and forward reports within 2 days of such activities. The Police will be consulted to agree to do this role and the CHO will provide this proposed to the Police.

Motion to approve: Dr. B. Izenstein. A second to approve: Dr. R. Rappaport. A yes vote to approve: Dr. R. Baevsky, Dr. B. Izenstein, Dr. R. Rappaport, Dr. R. Steingart and M. Toye, RN. A no vote: none.

4. Consideration of additional local regulatory provisions:

- Signage on essential businesses regarding face covering requirement.

The BOH discussed the posting of face covering signage by essential business.’ The motion: Effective May 15, 2020, an advisory to members of the public shall be prominently posted on all entry doors of essential business’ that are required to conform with the Governors Orders of March 30, 2020, requiring that face coverings shall be worn per order of the Longmeadow BOH. A motion to approve: M. Toye,

RN. Second motion to approve: Dr. R. Baevsky. A yes to approve: Dr. R. Baevsky, Dr. B. Izenstein, Dr. R. Rappaport, Dr. R. Steingart and M. Toye, RN. A no vote: none.

- Face covering mandate for specific outdoor worker classifications  
The BOH decided not to make specific mandates for outdoor workers at this time and will continue to update with the Governors advisories.
- Golf courses: additional advisories came from the Governor to open some golf facilities but there are mandates that remain for social distancing and golf cart restrictions. A local golf facility has violated some of the Governors restrictions.

5. The BOH discussed the LHS Graduation proposal. The BOH will defer a vote on the proposal until after May 18, 2020. The Governor of the Commonwealth is expected to announce new advisories and guidelines in regards to opening up in some areas for social distancing and other restrictions. After the BOH reviews the newest announcement, they will revisit the LHS graduation proposal. Dr. R. Rappaport will contact the Superintendent and discuss with him the BOH's decision from this meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called at 8:00 PM by Dr. B. Izenstein. A second to adjourn: Dr. R. Rappaport. A yes vote: Dr. R. Baevsky, Dr. B. Izenstein, Dr. R. Rappaport, Dr. R. Steingart and M. Toye, RN. A no vote: none.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maripat Toye, MS, RN  
Longmeadow Board of Health