

**Longmeadow Board of Health
Remote Teleconference Meeting
7:00PM
Tuesday, May 19, 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. Rapaport started the meeting reading the Governors Open Town Meeting protocol defining the guidelines for all Town meetings since 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.

Guest in attendance: Aimee Petrosky, Director of Public Health, East Longmeadow, Lynn Simmons, Town Manager, Longmeadow, Mr. Tom Landers, LHS Principal and Paul Dunkerly, LHS Assistant Principal.

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

The Longmeadow High School (LHS) Principal, Mr. Tom Landers and the Assistant Principal, Mr. Paul Dunkerly spoke during this period on updated proposals they created to conduct the LHS graduation during this current COVID-19 pandemic and with social distancing considerations. They updated their proposal from last week and the new documents include a "Plan A," "Plan B," "Plan C1" and a "Plan C2." They refer to a Plan D on the call but the written documents describing each plan do not have a Plan D. They clarified that Plan C2 is Plan D. The Chair informed the speakers that there has been information that the Governor is expected to speak on "graduation" ceremony guidance in the next week which would help in making decisions about graduation plans.

2. Acceptance of May 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The BOH reviewed the BOH meeting minutes. There was one typo to be corrected in bullet #3 that is noted. The motion to approve the BOH meeting minutes was called by Dr. B. Izenstein. Second for motion approval: Dr. R. Rappaport. 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. Review of Proposals for Longmeadow High School (LHS) Graduation Protocol.

The LHS Principal and Assistant Principal described four proposals for LHS graduation. Last week there was one submitted and they added a Plan B, Plan C1 and a Plan C2 to the original Plan A. The BOH members received these proposed plans via email prior to the call. The BOH reviewed and discussed the plans. Since the Governor is expected to make some announcements and guidance on graduation protocols, the BOH will need to review the Governors guidelines before making any approvals on LHS graduation plan. The Chair and BOH decided to table any vote on approval for the LHS graduation plan until the Governor announces guidance.

4. Discussion of Shared Public Health Services Plan

The Director of Public Health for the Town of East Longmeadow and The Longmeadow Town Manager gave an over view of the proposal to share public health services between the two Towns. This proposal and potential sharing of some public health services has

been in discussion several months and the Pioneer Valley Planning Committee (PVPC) has been a major part of this collaboration proposal which included members from both Towns. The final version of the proposal was given to the Longmeadow BOH members this afternoon. This was originally planned to be executed and worked on in the previous several months but with the transitions in Town leadership personnel last Fall and the current COVID-19 pandemic this merger/collaboration was on hold. The plan was for this to go into effect by July 1, 2020 and then the transition of the Longmeadow CHO through December, 2020, at which time the CHO retires. The Longmeadow Town Nurse also retires in July. The Town Manager and Select Board are requesting input and support of the Longmeadow BOH. They would like a vote soon to maintain the timeframe as originally planned. Members had several questions of the proposal and decided that the BOH will need more time to review the proposal. The CHO will accept all BOH members questions and compile them for the BOH to further evaluate the proposal. No vote was taken at this meeting on this issue.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called at 8:15 PM by Dr. R. Rappaport. A second to adjourn: M. Toye, RN. 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,

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