

**Longmeadow Board of Health  
Remote Teleconference Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Thursday, July 22, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 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. Dr. Toss Angelides, BOH Associate Member, was excused from the call. Beverly Hirshhorn, CHO, was also in attendance and in roll call. Dr. Rapapport started the meeting at 7:38 PM after some technical difficulty with the Zoom system, 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.

Others in attendance: Mr. Belcher-Timme, Town Counsel, Dr. Marty O'Shea, Longmeadow School Superintendent, and Browyn Monahan, Vice Chair of the School Committee.

Public Comment Period: There were no other residents or comments outside of the agenda items.

1. Acceptance of July 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

The BOH members had reviewed the BOH meeting minutes from July 9, 2020. There was a correction to two names of individuals who joined the call and two typos noted. The motion to approve the BOH meeting minutes with these corrections, was called by Dr. R. Rappaport. Second for motion approval: Dr. R. Steingart. 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.

2. School Superintendent discussing DESE Guidance regarding the Governors Mandatory Public Health Protocols for the opening of the Schools in the Fall:

Dr. O'Shea described the latest DESE Guidance from the Governors Mandatory Public Health Protocols and explained some of the challenges they are facing in developing the plans for Longmeadow. There are several questions and concerns in how to meet the various requirements regarding social distancing, classroom sizes, managing the youngest age groups, the concept of quarantine after an exposure and defining "exposure" as just a few of the issues. He has been in contact with the other schools in nearby Communities to share common concerns. They are working on many possible scenarios including remote learning and some hybrid models. School is scheduled to open August 30. The schools are required to have their plans submitted to the Dept. of Education by August 10 and the School Committee meeting August 4. There is tight timeline to complete the plans. The BOH CHO has been working with the Schools and the School nurses in preparing for the possible pandemic since January-February. The BOH is available for guidance and consultation and will continue to support the schools in guidance for their planned protocols for return to school.

3. Open Meeting Law (OML) Complaint discussion with Town Counsel:

The BOH had 14 days (by July 28) to respond to a complaint filed by a Longmeadow citizen with the Commonwealth of MA. Attorney General that members of the BOH violated OML on its process of reviewing a Collaborative Public Health Services Plan. Attorney Belcher-Timme, Town Counsel, discussed the issue with the BOH members. In discussion with Attorney Timme-Belcher, it was stated that this alleged violation arose

out of a misunderstanding of Town Manager's response to questions about whether BOH could send notes to the Health Agent. The Chair and Town Counsel drafted a response to the complaint letter for the Attorney General and BOH members reviewed it. Attorney Timme-Belcher will submit the letter to the Attorney General's office. He explained that the complainant has a window of time to reply, and the Attorney General will review the complainant response to the BOH letter, and then provide a decision or comments back to the BOH.

A motion to approve the letter was made by Dr. R. Steingart. Second for the motion approval: 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. Order to Vacate for Trailer Occupant in the Meadows:

Last Fall a gentleman was living in a trailer near the CT. river in the Meadows. The unit was unfit for human habitation and had no running water nor electric power nor septic. The BOH worked with the individual and after many social service interventions and involving legal avenues, the property was vacated. The same individual has returned and is again living in the same conditions. The CHO has requested another "Order to Vacate" as the property and trailer are unfit for human habitation.

A motion to approve and renew the "Order to Vacate and deem the said property in the Meadows as unfit for human habitation" was made by Dr. R. Rappaport. A second for the Motion approval by Dr. R. Baevsky. 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.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called at 8:06 PM by Dr. B. Izenstein. A second to adjourn: Dr. R. Rappaport. A yes vote: Dr. R. Baevsky, Dr. B. Izenstein, Dr. R. Rappaport and M. Toye, RN. A no vote: none.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maripat Toye, MS, RN  
Clerk, Longmeadow BOH