

**Longmeadow Board of Health
Remote Teleconference Meeting
7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 8, 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 and Dr. A. Angelides. Beverly Hirschhorn, 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 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.

No others were in attendance or did not announce themselves on this call.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the August 17, 2020 Emergency BOH Meeting.

The BOH reviewed the meeting minutes from August 17,2020. The motion to approve the BOH meeting minutes was called by Dr. R. Baevsky. 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.

2. Review of MIAA/COVID-19 Mitigation Protocol to be used by the Longmeadow Teams for Participation in MIAA events.

The BOH members had received the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (EEA) “Workplace Safety and Reopening Standards for Businesses and Other Entities Providing Youth & Adult Amateur Sports Activities-Phase III, Step 1, Expansion of Activity Number 1” documents via email prior to the BOH meeting. They also received the MIAA Rules Modifications & Guidelines for Fall 2020 Sports. This document itemized specific sports and their guidelines for Soccer, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf and Volleyball. All youth and adult amateur sports must follow the rules issued by the MA EAA These rules indicate that hosts of sport teams for sports that are deemed of medium and high risk for COVID transmission (sports where there is sharing of equipment or close proximity of players) must devise mitigation plans to minimize risks as much as possible. The BOH discussed both documents and the variances between the two. The CHO, Beverly Hirschhorn, has had conversations with the Longmeadow School leadership, Michael Capotosto over the guidelines and the Longmeadow Schools plans. (There will be no full team practices or games for Football or Cheerleading). After discussion on the documents and questions for clarity on the variances in the two documents the BOH voted on the issue.

Dr. R. Baevsky made the motion to accept the EAA rules in conjunction with MIAA Guidances for sports play in Longmeadow. Second to the motion to accept play with these guidelines in place was Dr. R. Rappaport. A yes vote: Dr. R. Baevsky, Dr. R. Rappaport, Dr. R. Steingart and M. Toye, RN. A vote to abstain: Dr. B. Izenstein. A no vote: none. The motion passed.

3. Review of recent activities and planning for future vaccination clinics. The town has vaccines available that we ordered last February. Last year the town vaccinated 700 adults and 150 at the high school. This year will be less due to the COVID-19 guidelines (social distancing, cleaning between each individual, flow of traffic of people, paper work to be completed and appointment spacing) and less vaccines on hand. The vaccines will be given by appointment only. The forms to be filled out will be available on the Town website, but some items must be completed at the time of the vaccine administration (lot number, vaccine site, etc.)

4. Luigi Restaurant has a new owner and the permit has expired for the business. There were deficiencies in the facility that need to be repaired and then reinspected. The CHO will be making arrangements to reinspect before the new owner gets a new permit to operate the Restaurant.
5. COVID-19 Case Reporting information is valuable and important information for the BOH. The BOH would like to receive the data on Longmeadow cases as the state website has a daily update of data on cases for all communities in the Commonwealth. All of the BOH members would like to know these numbers in a timely manner as it impacts decisions made on the safety and public health for Longmeadow. The Chair and CHO will request to have this data sent to them on a daily basis for their review.
6. The Town Manager has requested that the BOH set a specific schedule for BOH meetings. The BOH discussed this and the nature of issues for the BOH may not coincide with a “set schedule.” The BOH plans meetings based on needs that arise that require BOH input and decisions. The BOH members agree that a “set schedule” would not be consistent with the agendas and purpose of the BOH.
7. The “Shared Services for Public Health” did not pass with the East Longmeadow Town Council. In the event that the Council does approve the Agreement, the Town Manager for Longmeadow will develop new plans for the Longmeadow BOH staffing model and will determine this in consideration of the need for inspectors, clerical support, etc.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called at 7:55 PM by Dr. R. Rappaport. A second to adjourn: Dr. R. Baevsky. 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
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