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BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES October 4, 2021 5:00pm

Meeting called to order 5:00pm

The following individuals were in attendance: Chairwoman Janet Stoica, Member James Avery, Member Anne Violette, Member Matthew Wyke, Health Director Camille Griffin and Administrative Assistant Danyel Guiou
Absent – Vice Chairwoman Iwona Miller

Approval of Minutes

- ❖ Review and vote to approve the minutes of July 12, 2021
 - The July 12, 2021 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Member, James Avery, stated “Madam Chairman, I would like to make a point of honor on the minutes that I voted against, I did not abstain.”

Motion to accept the July 12, 2021 minutes as amended – Matthew Wyke

Second – Anne Violette

3-0 motion to accept the July 12, 2021 minutes as amended

New Board Business

- ❖ Introduction of Health Director from Chair
 - Ms. Camille Griffin was officially introduced to the Board as well as an overview of her prior work history and accomplishments. Member, Mr. Avery, questioned the salary of Ms. Griffin and was asked by the Chair to discuss this at a different time. Mr. Avery then questioned, since Ms. Griffin will be sharing her hours with Dudley, MA, if Webster will be her home office? Ms. Griffin explained, Webster will be her home base.
- ❖ Introduction of Administrative Assistant from Chair
 - Ms. Guiou was reintroduced to the Board by the Chair
- ❖ Mask Mandate Order – Review
 - The Health Director reviewed the mask mandate Order with the Board. With Covid-19 numbers on the rise again, the Health Director strongly urged the members of the Board of Health to approve the local mask mandate Order. This Order will be reviewed monthly, and will continue to stay in effect until the Board has rescinded the Order or has chosen to make the Order a recommendation instead of a requirement. Member, Matthew Wyke, questioned if the Board will be enforcing this Order. Health Director, Ms. Griffin explained this Order will be enforced by the Health Department, as the Board does not have authorization to enforce the Order. Chair, Janet

Stoica, questioned whether or not this is in accordance with any other Towns included with the grant. The Health Director explained this mandate is only for the Town of Webster and is based off of Covid-19 data within the Town. Ms. Griffin provided the Board with the stats of Covid-19 in the Town of Webster and they are as follows:

- The month of September had 205 cases of Covid-19
 - The past week there was 40 new cases
 - 17 of these cases are breakthrough cases (Individuals who have been fully vaccinated have tested positive for Covid-19)
- The Chair questioned if the department is informing the public of Covid-19 cases/numbers. Ms. Griffin explained the previous Health Director, Jennifer Sullivan, is still taking case of Covid-19 case calls and she is unsure if she is distributing this information, but she will look into this. In the meantime, Ms. Griffin is waiting for access through the Community Tracing Collaborative, to gain access to this information. She also explained the Town of Dudley is handling their cases separately with their Public Health Nurse.
- Member, Anne Violette, questioned if the mask mandate Order applies to the schools as well. Ms. Griffin explained that the schools have a separate Order in place for mask mandates.

**Motion to accept the Mask Mandate Order as written – Matthew Wyke
Second – James Avery**

4-0 Unanimous vote to accept the Mask Mandate Order as written

❖ Old Business

- Additional Covid-19 and Variant Information - Update
- Currently, twenty individuals are hospitalized in Webster with Covid. From the previous information, regarding the number of Covid-19 cases, currently there are no Webster residents hospitalized and no Webster resident deaths from the Covid-19 cases.

❖ Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting

- The Health Director advised the Board in future meetings, new policies will be discussed and voted on, as well as the fee structure to be assessed. These changes will help the department as a whole run more efficiently.

Adjourn

Motion – to adjourn meeting at 5:23pm – James Avery

Second – Matthew Wyke

4-0 Unanimous vote to adjourn meeting at 5:23m

Respectfully submitted,

*Danyel Guiou
Administrative Assistant
Town of Webster*

Approved Date: _____

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