BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES



TOWN OF MILLBURY FEBRUARY 10, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

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Meeting Location: Millbury Town Hall – Board of Health Office and Zoom Meeting ID 893

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Members Present: Ronald J. Marlborough, Jim Morin, John Dufresne

Staff Present: Judy Bater

Health Agents Present: Cheryl Rawinski

Absent: None

Guest/s Present: Judy O'Connor, Senator Michael Moore, Greg Myers

Call to Order: Ron called to order the meeting of the Millbury Board of Health at 4:04 PM on February 10, 2021 in Millbury Town Hall Board of Health Office and Zoom.

Approve Minutes: John Dufresne made a motion to approve minutes of 1-27-2021. Second by Jim Morin. All Approved.

Review/Vouchers: Reviewed

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Discussion:

Cheryl mentioned that a meeting with City Town Manager today was abruptly cancelled due to some unknown changes in vaccine protocols. Cheryl stated that she and Judy Bater have been filling out multiple agreements and documentation and completed trainings all required to obtain vaccine and she feels ready to go except for requesting vaccine and other towns she has spoken with have been denied vaccine and therefore she is not optimistic that vaccine will be issued at the local level. Cheryl stated she has staffing and supplies and she has been doing this for 20 years and she is not sure what direction the State is going in. Judy O'Connor stated she has helped 136 people get appointments. She has several people who only want to come to Millbury for their vaccine. Judy stated she had two girls on computers and cell phones making vaccine appointments elsewhere for her elderly residents. Judy stated the center is ready for a clinic and she has the staff, she has volunteers who will wipe the tables and the hang up is that we can't get the vaccine. She feels that 100 shots a week would be very doable and Cheryl knows exactly what she is doing and Judy and her staff will help her and feels that

someone needs to advocate for the Town. Ron stated that the senator is also not happy about how this is being handled that is why he had invited him to this meeting. Judy also stated that our Fire Chief and our former Police Chief would drive people to the COA for a vaccine. Cheryl stated that every week you must request vaccine. Many towns are being short shipped their requested vaccine. Ron mentioned people standing outside for almost two hours in Springfield. Judy stated many people are confused by how they will get the vaccine. Senator Moore arrived. Ron updated the Senator on the discussion so far. Senator asked me to email him the MCVP approval Agreement. The Senator called CVS but nothing for Millbury. Cheryl stated if they bring their vaccine to the senior center they would help them. The Senator will contact DPH. Judy said you can go to price chopper in Sutton. Cheryl said they are only taking care of their pharmacy customers. Judy stated that Reliant was calling their clients, she further stated that UMASS is a lottery. The Board discussed the Governor announcing companions of 75 year olds being allowed to get the vaccine with a 75 years old that they bring to a clinic. The Senator asked how much vaccine do you need. Cheryl stated that 100 doses a week can be handled. 100 Doses a week by appointment at a closed clinic, Millbury Only. Cheryl explained how the Prepmod site administrator has to go down the list and see who has signed up for the clinic and if they meet the criteria for this clinic. Cheryl stated that our goal is to do 200 a week every week. But she will take a 100 a week. The Board would still like to have a goal of March 13, 2021. Judy stated that the elder community wants to see their family and this isolation is not good for them. Greg Myers stated that if we need the high school just to let him know and he will partner with them. The Board would like to have a follow up meeting next Wednesday at 3:00 PM.

On an unrelated issue, Ron asked Greg Myers about recreating his letters for the carnival and he will be in touch with him.

The Senator will look into our next steps for obtaining Covid Vaccine.

Greg Myers stated that Wednesday they are remote so that they could use the School on Wednesday.

Greg stated with testing he feels safer with school sports. He will be meeting with the school committee. Baseball opens in March.

The Senator contacted Rob McClauglin and put him on speaker phone during this meeting and asked him to explain the process to get vaccine. He stated that what happens next is that you will receive a survey every Monday. The March 2nd survey date would get you vaccine for the 13th. Determinations are made on Friday evening and shipments arrive the following week. Delivery from the 8th and 10th of March. They do not have much control over the distribution. You are not guaranteed vaccine. Cheryl asked how do you plan for a clinic with no guarantee and short notifications. He said that is a good question. He will look into the "Prepmod site assignment" that Judy Bater asked about. The vaccine confirmations go out Friday into Saturday morning a week in advance. A week to know and 48 hours to have the clinic. Rob McClaughlin will be in touch with us regarding our survey and prepmod log in and any other details that we may need to take care of.

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Cheryl stated the Mobile unit was delivered today. She also spoke with Steve Kosiba - EMA today and he informed her of all of the equipment/supplies he has received for emergency preparedness.

Ron would like a supply list and where it is being kept and how they can access the equipment in the event of an emergency or for a clinic. He asked the office to send EMA an email and copy the Town Manager. Cheryl would like to take a look at the equipment.

Department Update: Judy mentioned the (2) transport chairs have arrived including other supplies that she has ordered.

Cheryl Rawinski, Public Health Nurse: As stated above

Health Agent Update: Tabled

Variance/Local Upgrades: None

CRMPHA Update: Tabled

New/Old Business: None

Tobacco Regulations: Tabled

Next Meeting: 2-17-2021 at 3:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn at 5:00 PM: Jim Morin made a motion to Adjourn

Seconded: John Dufresne. Unanimous. Approved.

Ronald J. Marlborough, Chair

James M. Morin, Vice Chair

John Dufresne, Clerk