

Board of Health Town of Longmeadow **Draft** Minutes for 2/22/22

Attendees confirmed by roll call:

Dr. Robert Baevsky, Chair

Dr. Richard Steingart, Vice Chair

Dr. Anastasios Angelides, Clerk

Dr. Michele Keane-Moore

Finn McCool, Director

Dr. Baevsky convened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

1. The Governor's Open Town Meeting Protocol defining the guidelines for all town meetings conducted by remote means was read aloud. Details regarding the guidelines are posted on the Longmeadow Town website.

2. The minutes of the 1/25/22 meeting were accepted unanimously: Motion by Dr. Keane-Moore, Second by Dr. Baevsky

3. Public Comments:

a. Margaret Rakas (57 Shadyside Drive): Requests that the Town maintain an accurate dashboard reporting COVID cases since date from the State may be up to a week old. Also Recommends that the Town measure sewage effluent for COVID RNA as a means of tracking infection.

b. Jessica Kelly (37 South Ave) states that she is offended by the Chairman's statement that he did not want laborious discussions during the public comment period.

c. Jeremy Duggan (52 South Park Ave): Made the following points:

i. Recommends that any future mandates be made for a fixed duration (i.e. 30 days)

ii. Recommends that the BOH meet at least twice monthly if mandates are imposed

iii. Notes that the last BOH meeting was not recorded completely (Confirmed by Mr. McCool) due to technical issues

c. Mr. Hastings (5 Converse St): Recommends that all mandates be stopped. Also notes that the members of the BOH are all physicians and recommends that the make-up of the BOH be "from all walks of life"

d. Amy Tyler (no address given): Would like all mandates removed

e. Katie Hastings (129 Tanglewood Dr): Wants mandates discontinued in order to allow healthy people the ability to lead normal lives.

4. COVID data provided by Mr. McCool:

Cases	Fully Vaccinated	NonVaccinated	Partially Vaccinated	Positive Rate	Test Date	Population
47	13	18	17	5%	2.7.22	2 Children + 6 Adults
					2.8.22	5 Adults
					2.9.22	1 Child + 3 Adults
					2.10.22	3 Children + 3 Adults
					2.11.22	1 Child + 3 Adults
					2.12.22	2 Children + 4 Adults
					2.13.22	1 Adult
					2.14.22	1 Child + 5 Adults
					2.15.22	2 Children + 4 Adults
					2.16.22	1 Adult

5. Motion by Dr. Baevsky to discontinue the Town’s current mask mandate and replace it with a mask advisory in all public buildings. Motion by Dr Baevsky. Second by Dr Keane-Moore. Passed unanimously.

a. Dr. Keane-Moore notes that viral infections are still prevalent and urges everyone to assess their own risk in determining whether to mask.

b. Dr. Steingart emphasizes that people are still allowed to mask even if no one else around them is doing so.

c. Dr. Baevsky notes that schools will continue to follow DESE guidelines and Longmeadow School Board guidelines with regard to masking.

6. The next meeting of the BOH will be declared in accordance with circumstances as they develop in the coming weeks.

7. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Baevsky, second by Dr. Keane-Moore. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm