

Manchester Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2021

Virtual Meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Members present:

Paula Filias, Peter Colarusso, Joan Cottler, Dr. Martin Hahn, Dr. Tonya Colpitts

Members absent:

None

Coronavirus Updates

Retired Public Health Nurse Pamela Ciccone was welcomed back by the Board members. Nurse Pam informed the Board that she was providing Manchester coverage for the State Maven system until a new Public Health Nurse is hired. She said she would be focusing on directing Covid-19 cases to the State Contact Tracing Collaborative and investigating all other reported cases. She offered to assist with the training of the new nurse. Nurse Ciccone reported that as of this date, there are 208 covid cases, with 3 of those active.

School Reopening

Dr. Hahn had no updates to report. Dr. Colpitts reported that the schools had not completed pool testing to date. She stated that the elementary school would be going to 5 days, all day in session beginning tomorrow, March 23rd, with the Middle and High School (who are currently hybrid) to follow.

Singing Beach

Member Colarusso expressed concern that the parking lot and sidewalks at Singing Beach were so crowded over the weekend. He also asked if the Governor's new gathering orders would have any effect on the beach. Staff agreed to provide a follow up from the Parks and Recreation Department and the Police Department.

Homebound Vaccinations

Ellen Lufkin informed the Board that the registration had been completed for the Board to participate in the State Mobile Vaccination Program for homebound residents. She said that Dr. Colpitts and Dr. Hahn had provided review and guidance regarding the registration. Further, that participation in the program would mean that the State would complete all phases of home bound immunizations including the

following: screening, scheduling, vaccine delivery, providing the required 15-30 minutes of post shot supervisions, MIIS reporting, insurance reimbursement. Ms. Lufkin said that the new State phone number to register for this program will be released today, and that she will be working with Communications Officer Tiffany Marletta to get both the information and phone number out to any interest parties.

Updates on Governor Baker's Covid-19 Orders

Ms. Lufkin provided the Board with updates to the Governor's Coronavirus Orders, effective today, March 22, 2021.

Mosquito Control 2021 Plan

Members discussed the 2021 Mosquito Control Plan and agreed to schedule a joint meeting with Mosquito Control for May 13 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Members are to provide any questions or additional feedback they have to the Board of Health office as soon as possible.

13 Proctor Street

Members passed over their review of the septic system design plan for 13 Proctor Street, pending final review by Board of Health Consultant Engineer Gerry McDonald.

Minutes

Ms. Filias made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hahn, to approve the minutes of January 28, 2021 and February 11, 2021 as presented. Members voted unanimously to approve the motion:

Dr. Hahn, yes

Dr. Colpitts, yes

Ms. Cottler, yes

Ms. Filias, yes

Mr. Colarusso, yes

Dr. Hahn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Colpitts, to approve the vaccine subcommittee meeting minutes of January 20, 2021 and January 27, 2021 as presented. Members voted unanimously to approve the motion:

Dr. Hahn, yes

Dr. Colpitts, yes

Ms. Cottler, yes

Ms. Filias, yes

Mr. Colarusso, yes

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, Ms. Filias made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hahn, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Members voted unanimously to approve the motion:

Dr. Hahn, yes

Dr. Colpitts, yes

Ms. Cottler, yes

Ms. Filias, yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

As submitted,

Ellen D. Lufkin

Administrative Assistant

Approved by the B.O.H. on April 8, 2021

