

HEATH BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY MEETING
COVID Collaboration Meeting Minutes July 7, 2022
In person meeting at Heath Community Hall

Members in Attendance: Elissa Viarengo (acting chair), Susan Gruen, Lorraine Berger, Kurt Schellenberg
(FRCOG)

Absent Member: Gene Garland

Town Stakeholders in Attendance: Sue Lively (BOS),

- I. Meeting Called to Order 9:03 am (Elissa)
- II. Meeting Minutes Review / Approval:
 - A. Susan moved to approve the minutes as written, Lorraine Berger seconded.
Ayes: Susan, Lorraine, Sue, Elissa

Sue moved to allow the guests in the room who were there for the BOH meeting to speak and not make them sit through the COVID Collaboration portion of our meeting. Susan seconded. Ayes: Lorraine, Elissa, Susan and Sue. Refer to BOH Meeting Minutes for 7.7.22

COVID Collaboration Meeting resumed at 9:30 am

B Mask Mandate Discussion

Susan Gruen:

- We're at low risk. 5.4, 6.66, 7.09 %. Numbers for Heath are zero. We are the only town with a mask mandate.
- FRCOG has no plans to vax 0–5-year-old. Boosters likely in September.
- Lift mask mandate, explain to people if surge goes up, mask mandate may return. It's up to people to make their own assessment.
- Has 90 test kits. January expiration last another 3 months. Given out to Church, Library, JR, PO and Claire. Sue Lively will get some to COA for their home visits.
- PCR tests are available in Shelburne, and GCC.

Elissa Viarengo:

- Covid numbers are going to go up and down. People should be able to make their own decision about their risk assessments.
- It's the BOH responsibility to educate them on how to do that. We are no longer in an emergency. It's time to move forward.
- Thinks we should provide information and mail it to every resident.

Susan Gruen:

- We should see what FRCOG has as far as material

Kurt Schellenberg:

- contact Maureen O'Reilly for educational material

Lorraine Berger:

- Agrees it's time to lift the mask mandate.

Susan Gruen:

- Library trustees could say masks are required even if the town rescinds the mask mandate.
- Makes a motion to drop the mask mandate for the town of heath to be revisited if in fact there is an increase noted in covid case and that the BOH will explore educational materials to inform residents of self-assessment risk factors for wearing a mask. Motion was seconded by Lorraine. Ayes: Susan, Lorrain, Sue, Elissa. 48:25

C. State requirement for in person meeting

Elissa Viarengo

- There is a bill on the State floor to extend the remote meeting options until December 15th, also an additional movement to make this a permanent option.

Susan Gruen

- Would be open to consider being able to provide a hybrid, like an Owl.
- Made a motion to close the COVID collaboration meeting. Seconded by Sue Lively. Ayes: Susan, Sue, Lorraine, Elissa. COVID Collaboration meeting closed at 9:57 am