



**TOWN OF MERRIMAC
BOARD OF HEALTH**

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LOCATION: Hybrid: Sargent Auditorium/Zoom

Board of Health Meeting Minutes Wednesday January 19, 2022, 7:00PM

- I. Call to Order: 7:00 PM by Chairperson Christine Berube. Present members, Jason Sargent. On Zoom, Irina Gorzynski. Health Agent Deb Ketchen.
- II. Approve Agenda Approved- 1st, Jason Sargent, 2nd Irina Gorzynski. All in favor, 3-0
- III. Approval of meeting minutes from November 3, 2021, December 8, 2021
Approved Motion: 1st Member, Chris Berube, 2nd Member, Jason Sargent. All in favor, 3-0
- IV. Health Agent Reports:
 - a. DDPH no longer requires contract tracing. However, they require follow-up for 18-year-old and under. After contacting multiple cases under 18, it has been brought to my attention that the school nurses have been in contact with each case to follow the most recent guidelines and their return to school. DPH requires daycares to contact the BOH with all COVID-19 cases. DESE requires home testing for close contact students. 01/19/2022 Meeting with Superintendent, BOH. Agents and Regional Nurse. DESE update meeting 01/19/2022. COVID-19 After Action Report (AAR) meeting 01/12/2022.
 - b. **INSPECTIONS:** Wednesday 01/12/2022 at 10:00AM 27 Union Street Complaint inspection. Occupant did not answer door. I sent email to attorney involved with the case.
 - c. Friday 01/14/2022 Check inspection 36 Heath Road. Sent email for update. Board agrees the attorney needs to be at the location with the Health Agent, the building commissioner, the landlord upon next inspection. An administrative warrant can be brought forward by Building Commissioner if necessary. First the board will contact KP law for advisement on Condemnation of the building.
 - d. 7 Hadley Road Septic Installation complete. Waiting on as-built. 01/12/2022 2 Regency Village Way Occupancy Inspections Units 210 and 213.
 - e. Donoghue, Sweetsir and Heights Academy Schools have been inspected. Sweetsir has been reported with multiple Walk-In Refrigeration and Freezer violations i.e. water leaks freezing causing hazardous conditions. Repairs are in process.
- V. Old Business: (Motion to move Old Business Section V, point B before point A. 1st Chris Berube, 2nd Jason Sargent All in favor 3-0)
 - a. Animal Ordinance with Bob Sinibaldi, building commissioner. Bob met with the animal officer and determined the animal officer is on board with the language for the Animal Ordinance By-Law draft, with no objections. Chris Berube sited she emailed all committee members yet did not hear from any of them directly except Bob. She would like individual responses to her email. She will send out another email to

all committee members for their input. If all committee members do not respond an email from Chris will be sent out for a vote. The motion to continue the Animal Ordinance draft writing until next meeting date. 1st Jason Sargent, 2nd Irina Gorzynski. All in favor 3-0


- f. Status of Town Nurse MAVEN training/ request for help. Refusal to help when contacted by the Health Agent. Chris to follow up with COA Director as the status of training. Scott Troppy State contact for MAVEN, spoke with Health Agent Deb Ketchen she has taken the training but has not yet taken the performance test.
- g. Sprint. Board to send an email to the town accountant to inquire about placing the Emergency Responders phone to the town Verizon account to save on budget and to inquire about payment by the Coalition. Health Agent to contact the coalition via email.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Board discussed having a zoom meeting with the Building Commissioner and the Planning Board Chair to discuss the Dwellings by-law in more detail before agreeing on any addition to the new by-law to be submitted. Scheduled for 1/24/22 at 9:30 am..
- B. Defibulator: expired needs disposal. Admin to research recycling.
- C. Letter sent to the BOS regarding the test kit order has been rescinded due to further discussion and the government announcement that test will be free to citizens through a website.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 7:30PM. Motion for new meeting date 1st, Jason Sargent, 2nd Chris Berube, All in favor 3-0

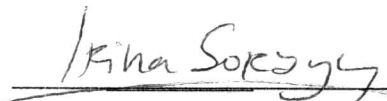
Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM



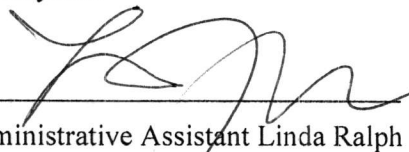
Chairperson: Christine Berube



Member: Jason Sargent



Member: Irina Gorzynski

Minutes Submitted By:  Date Submitted to Clerk: 2/10/22
Administrative Assistant Linda Ralph