



**TOWN OF MERRIMAC
BOARD OF HEALTH**

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LOCATION: In Person: Sargent Auditorium

Board of Health Meeting Minutes Wednesday November 3, 2021, 7:30 PM

- I. Call to Order: 7:30 PM by Chairperson Christine Berube. Present members, Jason Sargent, Irina Gorzynski, Health Agent Deb Ketchen, Administrative Assistant Linda Ralph.

II. Approve Agenda Approved- 1st, Chris Berube, 2nd Irina Gorzynski. All in favor, 3-0

- III. Approval of meeting minutes from September 30, 2021, with an amendment to Section V, Old Business, point c. 4th sentence, change word "Recommendation" to "Discussed". Approved Motion: 1st Member, Jason Sargent, 2nd Member, Irina Gorzynski 3-0

IV. Health Agent Reports:

- a. COVID-19 vaccination results reviewed by board. Cases will continue to be tracked by Health Agent and reported on a daily basis. Currently, there are multiple cases in same households. Cases are up as of today. 1. CTC will close 12/31/21 of which this day will be the last to send cases to state for help. Local Health Liaison will be available through 12/30/21. Tracking continues to be time consuming for Health Agent. 24/7. 2. School case concerns in regards to children gathering and parents not vaccinated.
- b. 1 Summer St. complaint. Rodents allegedly coming from adjacent property that has debris and chickens. Health Agent will make appointment with owner to inspect for rodents.
- c. Rodent inspection 17 Bisson Ln. Home demolition.
- d. Wilkinson construction will pull permit to install 11 Harriman.
- e. 52 Middle Rd. Unit 36 unfit conditions. Sent inspection report to occupant, Merrimac/Amesbury Housing authority via certified mail. Unit was exterminated on Monday 11/1/21.
- f. Motion to approve Health Agent reports: Approved motion, 1st, Member Jason Sargent, 2nd, Member Irina Gorzynski 3-0

V. Old Business:

- a. Word from COA Director that the Town Nurse job description has been approved by BOS and that the position will be under COA director purview. COA Director states Vaccine clinic is scheduled, MAVEN training in progress for back up to Health Agent. Board suggests a trial run on MAVEN after training complete. TBD. Motion to approve Town Nurse as MAVEN Backup after training. 1st Chis Berube, 2nd Jason Sargent. All in favor 3-0. Board also suggests a KI clinic be scheduled with Town Nurse distributing KI pills and tracking. Motion to Schedule clinic 1st Jason Sargent, 2nd Irina Gorzynski. All in favor 3-0
- b. Dog waste brought to light the fact there are no trash receptacles in the immediate downtown area of which is a public health and safety concern. Town resident, Gwen Sawbaugh has witnessed and has herself looked for trash barrels to dispose of trash in the area. She has witnessed people walking all the way around town hall looking for a receptacle. They are disposing their trash in a private dumpster of which the BOH ordered locked and cleaned up previously. It is a service of the citizens of Merrimac and its visitors to the downtown area.

Discussed possibility to be placed in ADA compliance areas around downtown. A letter to be crafted and sent to the BOS to start the conversation. Motion to write letter to BOS. Irina Gorzynski to draft.

1st Jason Sargent, 2nd Chris Berube, all in favor 3-0


- c. Animal Ordinance: Enforcement should be followed through- what is the ultimate penalty discussed. Drafted general laws discussed. Meant to be guidance to citizens and for BOH data to have a permit issued. Districts that will be affected discussed. Permit fee discussed and where the fee will go. Further discussion to be next meeting under Old Business. Chair to meet with subcommittee to approve draft Motion to have chair meet with subcommittee and add to next meeting.
- d. 1st Chris Berube, 2nd Jason Sargent, all in favor 3-0
- e. 1st Amendment auditors visit discussion.
- f. Health Agent hours discussion regarding continuing education and funding.
- g. Sprint bill and Emergency Contacts discussion to find solution to new contract and speak with coalition as to what they are funding.
- h. Continuing Education for Board Members research for first aid/CPR classes, Title V and Food Safety.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, 12/08/2021, 7:00PM. Motion for new meeting date 1st, Jason Sargent, 2nd Chris Berube, All in favor 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM


Chairperson: Christine Berube


Member: Jason Sargent


Member: Irina Gorzynski

Minutes Submitted By: _____

Date Submitted to Clerk: _____

Administrative Assistant Linda Ralph