



**TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

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LOCATION: In Person: Sargent Auditorium

Board of Health Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 14, 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- 1<sup>st</sup>, Jason Sargent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Irina Gorzynski. All in favor, 3-0

III. Approval of meeting minutes from September 30, 2021, Approved Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Member, Jason Sargent, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12 new cases.
- b. 11 Harriman plan approval. Jason Sargent, Deb Ketchen approval signatures acquired.
- c. 22 Hansom Dr opening a bakery in house, will inspect as necessary.
- d. 9 Madison set backs review for pool. 1<sup>st</sup> motion Jason Sargent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Irinia Gorzynski, all in favor 3-0.
- e. Motion to approve Health Agent reports: Approved motion, 1<sup>st</sup>, Member Jason Sargent, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Member Irina Gorzynski 3-0

V. Old Business

- a. 1. 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.
- b. MAVEN Backup tabled until COA Director present. 1<sup>st</sup> Irina Gorzynski 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Sargent, approved 3-0
- b. COVID-19 Public Notices on website. New Example of Metrics from Irina Gorzynski presented to include 3 town comparisons every 2 weeks, # of active cases and other pertinent information dashboard approved to send to Guilfoyle to post on website pulling information from the state website. 1<sup>st</sup> Jason Sargent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Berube, all in favor 3-0
- c. Keys to back side door for Board, Health Agent and admin as it demands a key for entry. Letter to the BOS to be crafted to ask if all doors will have keyless entry or will the back side door remain with lock using key? 1<sup>st</sup> Irina Gorzynski 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Sargent, all in favor 3-0
- d. Suspension of permits to identified businesses for not paying taxes. Matter is determined as to how and if BOH can manage this under chapter 40 section 57 of the General Laws. Tabled until next meeting. Chapter 57 states that a Board "may suspend licenses and permits...". The Board will not suspend as the businesses are in good standing with up-to-date fees for permits and the Board of Health in Merrimac does not have a by law or ordinance that addresses suspending permits, licenses for not paying town taxes.
- e. Dog waste receptacles: Reinstatement of trash barrels in town and in other designated areas as the trash in town is becoming more prevalent due to no receptacles and is a Public Health Issue. To be researched and

addressed at the next meeting. <sup>discussed.</sup> Recommended sites for trash receptacles: Down Town, Town Forest ,  
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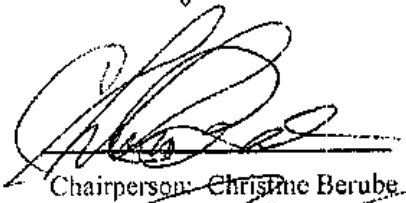
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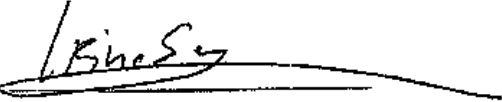
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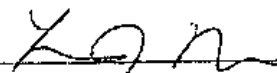
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