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**Minutes**  
**Board of Health Meeting**  
**Members attended via a Zoom online meeting due to COVID19**  
**April 6, 2021**

**Present:** Brandon Robertson, Kathy Blonski, Debra Brydon, Jeff Shea, Dan Jerram, Mary Jane Parlow, Beatrice Isabelle, Joe Doering, John Ward, Dennis Brown, Tom McKeon, Warren Humphrey, Melissa Appleby, Sue Beardsley, Jadwiga Gocłowski, Maura Shea, Diane Hernsdorf, Jean Donihee-Perron, Jennifer Kertanis

**Regular Meeting**

- I. Public Comments:** Brandon Robertson opened the regular meeting at 12:02 p.m. He asked if there were any public comments, there were none.
- II. Minutes of March 2, 2021:** Brandon Roberson asked if there were any changes or questions on the March 2nd Board Meeting Minutes. There were none. He asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Diane Hernsdorf 1<sup>st</sup>, Joe Doering 2nd, motion passed.
- III. Business:**
  - **Quarterly Financial Report:**
    - The financial report was adjusted to show the increase of \$130,000 from the town supplemental fund. We have received 100% of the supplemental money from all the towns. Jennifer also added overtime and other Covid expenses to the report. Jennifer will give an update at the next board meeting as to where we are with spending. The town supplement of \$130,000 is mainly being used for clinic expenses, food, and supplies. We are still under expensed in salary because Pat is still out. We are over budgeted in computer cost. We are hoping to move some of those expenses to one of the Covid grants.
  - **Review/Approval Air National Guard MOU:**
    - We received a call from Captain Seth Peters about establishing an MOU with the Air National Guard. They have a great understanding of emergency preparedness. They know how to move vaccine and set up clinics. Motion to enter MOU, Jean Donihee-Perron 1<sup>st</sup>, Kathy Blonski 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Jennifer will reach out to Seth and we will see what kind of opportunity there is.

- **Open Gov and Permitting Updates:**

- We are working on getting all our salons that are not registered in OpenGov permitted. Next, we will be permitting our pools. Most of our establishments can work through OpenGov without an issue. When we have completed the pools and salons, we will start with the food establishments.
- We are receiving many applications for decks, accessory structures and pools. The environmental staff is very busy with Pat still being out. Jennifer went on record to say acknowledge the staff for all the extra work, clinics, restocking of clinic supplies, etc.

- **COVID 19 Update:**

- We are still seeing 20 cases a day; we were doing very well but over the past few weeks we have seen doubling of positive cases.
- We have seen an increase in cases in the 0-16 age group.
- We are trying to get the 16 & 17-year-old vaccinated. We are going to see if we can get Pfizer to hold a clinic just for that age group.
- We are seeing the new variant in several of our towns. We are also still seeing allot of family spread.
- We have changed the quarantine to 14 days if exposed at home or during extra circular activities. 10 days if it is an at school exposure. Parents are frustrated and upset they can't choose to test out of quarantine.
- Clinics are going exceedingly well. The teachers will be getting there second dose by the end of April.
- Working with FEMA to get the VNA nurses reimbursed for their time at the clinics. Nancy Sheets will be drawing up a contract.
- Board will hold separate meeting to get board approval.
- We have seen several breakthrough cases of Covid after being vaccinated. We must report these cases to the state.

#### IV. OTHER:

- **Adjourn:** Brandon Robertson made a motion to adjourn, >>>>>>1st, Warren Humphrey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.