

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Virtual Meeting

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Marianne Hartmann, Emily Cilley, Dr. Peter Sheckman

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Jeffrey Vaughan, Director of Public Health and Neia Illingworth, Public Health Nurse

OPEN MEETING

- The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

REVIEW DISCUSSION FROM EMERGENCY MEETING HELD ON MAY 13, 2022

- The Board discussed the mask mandate issued at the May 13, 2022 emergency meeting. The mandate was issued due to rising Covid numbers and mandated a non-cloth face covering at the Town of Swampscott's Annual Town Meeting. Today's meeting was scheduled in order to extend the emergency order should Town Meeting be continued to a later date. Town Meeting adjourned after only one night on May 16, 2022.
- On MOTION by Sheckman and SECONDED by Cilley, the Board of Health participated in a clarifying vote to approve Emergency Order #9. Roll Call: Sheckman (yes), Cilley (yes), Hartmann (yes).
- Neia gave a presentation on Covid case numbers. Cases are rising. The seven day positivity average in Massachusetts is over 9%.
- According to the CDC's COVID Data Tracker Integrated County View, Essex County is now considered an area of high transmission, as is the state of Massachusetts. According to the CDC's COVID-19 Community Levels, the community levels in Essex County is "high" and many of the other counties in Massachusetts are also "high". At the last regular Board of Health meeting on May 4, 2022, Essex County and some of the other counties in Massachusetts were considered areas of "low" transmission.

HAVE DISCUSSION REGARDING ANY ISSUES PURSUANT TO TOWN MEETING

- There were no issues at Town Meeting and Town Meeting has adjourned.

OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE BOH

- Dr. Sheckman asked the Board's thoughts on mask mandates in school due to the increase in cases that Cilley had referenced earlier in the meeting. Cilley stated that some kids still wear masks.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for June 2, 2022

ADJOURN

On MOTION by Cilley and SECONDED by Sheckman it was VOTED by roll call to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Sheckman (yes), Cilley (yes), Hartmann (yes).

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

True Attest,

Brittney Jones