



MEETING POSTING

City of Melrose
City Hall
562 Main Street
Melrose, MA 02176

Committee/Board: Board of Health

Meeting Day/Date/Time: Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Location: Remote

<https://cityofmelrose.webex.com/cityofmelrose/onstage/g.php?MTD=ea105d61821e42e7df787ad52b5963b7e>

Call to Order: By Maurine Garipay, R.N.

Time Called: 7:10 PM

In Attendance/Roll Call:

Board Members: Maurine Garipay, Carol Ann Licitra, Frank Brincheiro

Health Department: Interim Director, Elaine Silva and Health Department Administrative Assistant, Denise Slane

Absent: N/A

Public Participation:

Frank Brincheiro made a motion to open the floor to the public.

Carol Ann Licitra second the motion to open the floor to the public.

Vote to approve the Motion to open the floor to the public:

Maurine Garipay – yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Frank Brincheiro – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Floor opened, no public attendees were present.

Carol Ann Licitra made a motion to close the floor.

Frank Brincheiro second the motion to close the floor.

Further Discussion: None

Vote to close the floor to the public:

Maurine Garipay – yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Frank Brincheiro – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Meeting Minutes Approval(s):

Minutes from the Executive meeting held on February 18, 2021 were reviewed.

Frank Brinchiero made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the Executive Board of Health meeting held on February 18, 2021.

Carol Ann Licitra second the motion to accept the minutes.

Further Discussion: None

Vote to accept the meeting minutes from the February 18, 2021 Executive Board of Health meeting:

Maurine Garipay – abstained as she was not at the meeting

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Frank Brinchiero – yes

PASSED 2-0-1

Minutes from the meeting held on February 18, 2021 were reviewed.

Carol Ann Licitra made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on February 18, 2021.

Frank Brinchiero second the motion to accept the minutes.

Further Discussion: None

Vote to accept the meeting minutes from the February 18, 2021 Board of Health meeting:

Maurine Garipay – abstained as she was not at the meeting

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Frank Brinchiero – yes

PASSED 2-0-1

Minutes from the meeting held on March 16, 2021 were already approved at the April 20, 2021 meeting.

Minutes from the meeting held on April 20, 2021 were reviewed.

Carol Ann Licitra made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on April 20, 2021.

Maurine Garipay second the motion to accept the minutes.

Further Discussion: None

Vote to accept the meeting minutes from the April 20, 2021 Board of Health meeting:

Maurine Garipay – yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Frank Brinchiero – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Minutes from the meeting held on May 18, 2021 were reviewed.

Carol Ann Licitra made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on May 18, 2021.

Frank Brinchiero second the motion to accept the minutes.

Further Discussion: None

Vote to accept the meeting minutes from the May 18, 2021 Board of Health meeting:

Maurine Garipay – abstained as she was not at the meeting

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Frank Brincheiro – yes

PASSED 2-0-1

Discussion and Vote:

Discussion to lift the City of Melrose COVID State of Emergency set by the Board of Health as of June 15, 2021 to align with the lifting of restrictions by Governor Baker for the State of Massachusetts. It was asked if the local businesses can make their own rules about the wearing of masks. It was stated that a business can require masks as the medical field and schools are still required to wear masks.

Carol Ann Licitra made a motion to lift the current City COVID State of Emergency set by the Melrose Board of Health and to follow the State guidelines for COVID as announced by Governor Baker effect June 15, 2021.

Maurine Garipay second the motion to accept the minutes.

Further Discussion: Will Melrose change the outdoor dining guidelines; decided it will remain as is for now and to allow outdoor dining.

Vote to lift the current City COVID State of Emergency set by the Melrose Board of Health and to follow the State guidelines for COVID as announced by Governor Baker effect June 15, 2021.

Maurine Garipay – yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Frank Brincheiro – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Director's Report:

Elaine Silva (Interim Health Director) discussed this is her second week covering and everyone has been great with getting her up to speed on the department.

She discussed that 98 COVID Homebound Vaccines have been completed and that going forward people will need to contact the State COVID Homebound Hotline at 833-983-0485 to get a homebound COVID vaccine.

Conley Pharmacy from Ipswich is finishing up the COVID vaccine clinics for students 12+ that signed up. It is felt that this program was very successful in getting the students that wanted vaccines vaccinated.

The new Public Health Nurse, Melissa Lowry, has started and she will be invited to a future meeting to meet the public. The current Public Health Nurse, Karen Cronin, will be retiring at the end of June. Karen has been amazing this past year and a half with her planning and coordinating of COVID vaccine clinics, contact tracing and providing general information to residents, among other things. We wish her a happy retirement and all the best.

It was discussed that since COVID the roll of Public Health and the needs for it have and will increase. Currently there is a shortage of people in Public Health roles and this is becoming a topic of discuss in the Public Health industry of how to address the shortage.

Frank Brinchiero made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion to adjourn was second by Carol Ann Licitra.

Further Discussion: None

Vote to adjourn the meeting:

Maurine Garipay – yes

Carol Ann Licitra – yes

Frank Brincheiro – yes

PASSED 3-0-0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM