

A joint meeting of the Melrose and Wakefield Boards of Health was held remotely on May 6, 2020. The meeting came to order at 7:09 pm. Present at the meeting remotely were Melrose Board members Maurine Garipay and Frank Brincheiro, Wakefield Board members Laurel Gourville, Elaine Silva, and Candace Linehan as well as Health Director Ruth Clay and Cindy Luongo, clerk for the Wakefield Health Department. Wakefield Communications Director Jenn McDonald, Wakefield Item Mark Sardella, The Patch's Mike Carraggi, Mayor of Melrose Paul Brodeur, incoming Melrose BOH member Carol Ann Licitra.

Call to order 0709 pm by Chairs Laurel Gourville and Maurine Garipay.

Melrose BOH approved Minutes from the 4.29.20. Brincheiro yes, Garipay yes 2- 0- 0

Wakefield BOH approved Minutes from the 4.29.20 meeting. Gourville yes, Linehan yes, Silva yes, 3-0-0

The [State's new order](#) for masks went into effect on May 6th. The order covers more than our local BOH [order](#) the discussion was whether to revoke our local order to stay consistent with the States order. Wakefield and Melrose boards agreed to revoke their current orders.

Wakefield board member Silva motioned to revoke the order, seconded by Linehan, motioned passes 3-0-0. Gourville yes, Linehan yes, Siva yes.

Melrose board member Brincheiro motioned to revoke the order, seconded by Garipay, motion passes 2-0, Brincheiro yes, Garipay yes.

Restricting access to high risk Multi-family units.

Some communities like [Malden have passed an order](#) to restrict access to multi-units, elderly housing and senior living complexes ect. The Wakefield and Melrose Health department have [mailed out information to the owners of these units in Wakefield and Melrose](#). Wakefield owners of 8 or more unites and Melrose owners of 5 or more units. Since both towns have not received specific complaints at any of these locations both boards of health agreed that the information that went out in the mail was good education and enough. Some have also received the information electronically.

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Melrose youth action team was one of 3 youth groups nominated for the 84 Group Award Mayor Brodeur spoke with councilor Eckles about a proclamation at the next board meeting. The kids would be recognized remotely.

Wakefield masks distribution went really well today. Jenn McDonald Wakefield communications manager sent out some great press releases and everyone knew they were coming. The school department had about 45 teacher volunteers show up to distribute mask door to door. Police and fire went to the apartment buildings and condos, all deliverers should be done by Thursday and Friday. Wakefield received a lot of excellent statewide press. Clay was interview on NBC Boston news last night, this morning Fox 25 local on zoom and channels 4 and 6 had a brief story. Melrose tentative date for mask distribution is set for Monday weather pending. Melrose will also deliver 60,000 masks door to door 5 masks per bag one bag per household.

Teens, Tweens and quarantines will be shown Monday the 11th in Wakefield and Thursday the 14th in Melrose. \$500 from the DFC grant will be used to pay for the speaker. Fliers will be emailed to the school department. Clay will see if it can be shared on WCAT and MMTV.

Translation services for contact tracing is now in place in both communities.

Wakefield is working with Viewpoint and online permitting software. Renewals are due June 30th renewal notices have not gone out yet, hoping the program can be up and running for this June. Most of the restaurants in both communities are open for business. A discussion about pro-rating the permits for some establishments that will not be ready to completely open. This will be some help to the business as they have already have taken a big hit. Both boards of health were in agreement.

Mosquito spraying in Melrose and Wakefield happened last week.

Other Business

Melrose Crystal Street was purchased by a local developer. The demo is on hold because the property abuts Ell pond. The new owner will meet with conservation. Garipay suggested that the fence be secured as it is open and leads to the lake and could propose a problem for the City. Clay will let the new owner know.

There was a meeting about the reopening of Wakefield town hall and City Hall.

The BOH agreed to meet weekly remotely thru May. Next BOH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 13th 7 pm remotely

Silva motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Linehan ...Gourville Yes Silva Yes Linehan Yes Gourville yes

Brincheiro motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Garipay. Brincheiro yes Garipay yes

Meeting adjourned 08:08 pm by both Boards

Materials distributed:

Agenda
Draft minutes of April 29, 2020
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Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Luongo

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