

A joint meeting of the Melrose and Wakefield Boards of Health was held remotely on April 29, 2020. The meeting came to order at 7:03 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, Melrose resident Ryan. Phil Renzi Wakefield resident.

Call to order 0703 pm by Chairs Laurel Gourville and Maurine Garipay.

Melrose BOH approved Minutes from the 4.23.20 meeting with one correction. Brincheiro yes, Garipay yes 2- 0- 0

Wakefield BOH approved Minutes from the 4.23.20 meeting with one typographical error, Linehan yes, Gourville yes, Silva yes, 3-0-0

Gourville reads the public comments submitted to the BOH [Public postings](#) .

Clay has received a few comments and questions regarding the mask order. The board may want to revise some of the wording to include;

1. The order does not apply to people who have a medical, respiratory condition.
2. If the office space has enough space to be seated 6ft apart employees do not have to wear mask.

Communication Director Jenn McDonald shares with the BOH the [face covering sign](#) we will email to our food distribution list. Gourville said that Facebook has had extreme reactions from both sides but more reasonable in our favor. Asks Clay if there have been any compliance issues, Clay reported we have three establishments in Wakefield that are not complying with the face coverings order. Clay has visited Sonny Notos the manager and two line cooks not wearing masks. Walgreens night manager had an issue with the order Clay will revisit and Cumberland farms was not enforcing the order Clay spoke with their district manager.

Melrose BOH Brincheiro member motioned to accept the order with the changes, seconded by Garipay. Motioned passed 2 0 0. Brincheiro Yes Garipay Yes
Wakefield BOH Linehan member motioned to accept the order with the changes, seconded by Silva. The motion passed 3 0 0 Silva Yes Linehan Yes Gourville Yes.

Health Directors Report

The FDA grant has been submitted.

Medical reserves has supplied us with 300 face shields. They will need to be assembled. 81 face shields have been delivered in Melrose. Gourville and Silva will deliver 100 to Wakefield

Housing Authority letters were mailed out. Posters and signage with Guidance and education on cleaning etc. Apartment building with 8 or more units will be getting a mailing.

Melrose and Wakefield will be delivering masks to households next week. One bag per household including 5 masks, inset with resources and the Health department business card.

Housing Authority information will be emailed for next BOH Meeting.

COVID 19 positive cases as of today are Wakefield 212 and Melrose 161.

Other Business

Phil Renzi Wakefield resident had no public comment just listening to the meeting. Ryan from Melrose asked to speak with the Melrose BOH. Melrose BOH shared their emails.

Melrose will have a new BOH member. Clay will send her resume. May 4th is the next City council meeting. She could be at our next meeting.

Next BOH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 6th 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 08:03 pm by both Boards

Materials distributed:

Agenda

Draft minutes of April 23, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Luongo

