



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

BOARD OF HEALTH

Elaine M. Silva, Chair
Candace Linehan
Laurel Skinder Gourville

The Wakefield Board of Health held their monthly meeting November 18th, 2020 at 7:00 PM remotely

Present: Laurel Gourville
Candace Linehan
Elaine Silva

Not Present:

Topics of Discussion

- Call to Order** Chairperson Silva called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- Public Participation** None
- Approval of Minutes** Gourville motioned to accept the minutes from October 14th, 2020 seconded by Linehan motion passed 3.0.0, Gourville yes, Linehan yes, Silva yes
- Visions and Values Committee** No participation from the committee. Gourville said Wakefield Town Council is asking if all the boards in town can have a representative from each board. Candace Linehan volunteers to be the Board of Health representative and requested the information be sent to her. Gourville will resend the packet.
- Health Directors Report** Wakefield Covid 19 positive case numbers are very high and are similar to the other communities surrounding Wakefield. The last two weeks after Halloween there are more cases that are primarily household clusters. We are sending a lot of case to the CTC as we are behind. The CTC is also behind, usually it takes about 3 or 4 days before someone gets a call, the entire system is over capacity. Although we have help it has been very hard to keep up and it is all health departments. The school cases are not linked to each other they are all individual cases. The high school is remote and may be up to 10 cases now. Silva talks to 4-5 health department daily and they are all overwhelmed. Today a whole new guidance on quarantining was sent out. The CTC is doing a great job said Silva. Clay said, today the definition of quarantine changed. You can test out of quarantine on day 8 if you have no symptoms. If you get A pcr that is negative can end but still self-monitor so you don't develop any symptoms. Gourville attended the conference call this past Friday that takes place every Friday. Gourville would like to resend the messaging out again on the covid safety precautions.
- The Health department is done giving flu shots in Wakefield, expect a few homebound residents that may still need the shot.



COVID vaccination plan is on the state website and it was sent out to the BOH. The Four phases of the order 1A, 1B. 2, 3, 4. The first 2 phases will not be done by us. Health departments will not be used till phase 3. We are 6 months away from that. The details will be based on what type of vaccine we get and what kind of storage we will need. We know what supplies and material we will get. If this is not till spring we can do a drive thru if the weather is good.

Business none
which has
arisen since
the posting of
the meeting

Handouts

1. Agenda
2. Daily numbers

Next meeting will be December 16th, 2020 7:00 PM remotely

Meeting adjourned at 07:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cindy Luongo', with a stylized, flowing script.

Cindy Luongo