

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Meeting Held via Zoom on September 22, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Members Present: Chris Rogers, Chair; Scott Powell, Member; Chris Slade, Member

Also Present: Kristen Zina, Health and Permitting Assistant

9/22/21 minutes approved via Zoom at the September 28, 2021 meeting

Chris Rogers makes motion to open meeting at 1:05pm

ACTION/DISCUSSION:

- Discussion of potential mask requirement for the Town of Bolton
 - S.Powell shared screens of the Mass DPH Covid-19 dashboard which showed the:
 - Confirmed cases by age. The concern is the number of cases for those under the age of 12 who cannot yet be vaccinated and they need to be protected.
 - The number of cases resulting in hospitalization and those numbers are rising as well.
 - Recent trends on rising cases of Covid-19
 - S.Powell also drive around to some of the businesses in town looking to see what signage they had in place for any masking. Some had signs asking visitors to wear a mask if unvaccinated, other did not have any signs.
 - At this time, S.Powell recommends establishments in Bolton encourage mask wearing to protect the unvaccinated against Covid-19
 - C.Rogers – At this time around 90% of those eligible in Bolton have been vaccinated
 - S.Powell – The concern would be the visitors coming through town and entering these establishments
 - C.Slade – Agrees with the recommendation for everyone's safety
 - S.Powell – A letter can be sent around to the establishments from the Board of Health with this recommendation
 - K.Zina to send letter and sample sign
 - C.Rogers – Suggests the Board can issue the mask recommendation at this time, watch the data and put a mandate in place if needed should the number continue to increase.
 - At this time, C. Rogers, Chair, Opens the meeting to comments
 - No one raises their hand or indicates they'd like to comment
 - C.Rogers makes a motion that the Board of Health recommend wearing a mask when indoors at a public location. On roll call, the motion passes 3/0

Chris Rogers makes motion to adjourn meeting at 1:30pm, the motion passes 3/0

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