

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. Adrienne DeSantis, Secretary; Kelly Lamas, Member and Andrea Crete, Health Agent were present. Michael LaFever, Chairman was absent. The meeting was held by remote call-in due to Covid. Minutes are being recorded by LCTV video and are being transcribed from the video. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Ms. DeSantis.

The meeting was joined by Angela Kramer, Public Health Nurse.

Ms. Kramer provided the Board with COVID updates. From 12/1/21 – 12/28/21 there have been 527 cases. Ms. Kramer provided the following breakdown for the number of cases:

- <10 years old – 49 cases
- 11-19 years old – 57 cases
- 20-29 years old – 122 cases
- 30-39 years old – 82 cases
- 40-49 years old – 72 cases
- 50-59 years old – 76 cases
- 60-69 years old – 54 cases
- 70-94 years old – 15 cases

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Of the 527 cases, 222 were vaccinated and 15 of those received the booster.

Ms. Kramer is seeing a lot of cases coming through the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club along with the schools.

Ms. Kramer spoke of the department having Covid rapid antigen tests on hand in order to test town employees. This will be more on an emergency basis.

Plans are being made for the department to hold another vaccine clinic in January. This will again be in collaboration with Big Y Pharmacy.

Ms. Lamas asked of the possibility of implementing a mask mandate for municipal buildings. This will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Lamas spoke of the new CDC guidelines for return to work. Currently the Town is following the Mass Department of Public Health guidelines. MassDPH will be assessing the new guidelines and will make changes as needed.

Ms. Crete provided an update on the distribution of Covid rapid antigen test kits through the department. There was signage placed within the 3 local mobile home parks. Ms. Crete also distributed cases through other local partnerships. The department currently has about 17 cases left and will begin distributing them to seniors over age 65.

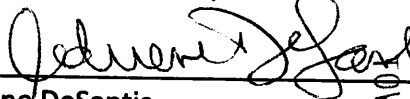
Ms. Crete presented a list of office supplies that need to be designated as surplus in order to dispose of the items. Motion made by Ms. Lamas to designate the supplies as surplus and move forward with disposal of the items. Seconded by Ms. DeSantis. All in favor 2-0. Ms. Crete will forward the list to the Selectmen for approval.

Ms. Lamas would like to invite Cheryl Sbarra, Executive Director MAHB, into an upcoming meeting to discuss jurisdictions and roles of both the Board of Health and the Health Department. Ms. Crete will reach out to Ms. Sbarra.

Ms. Crete asked if the upcoming meetings will be held in person or by remote call-in. Ms. DeSantis asked about the possibility of using Zoom or another application. Ms. Lamas would like to touch base on the Friday before to see where things stand with Covid.

Motion made by Ms. Lamas to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. with Ms. DeSantis seconding the motion. All in favor 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Adrienne DeSantis
Secretary

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