A special meeting of the Board of Health was held on Friday, October 1, 2021. Michael LaFever, Chairman and Adrienne DeSantis, Secretary were present. Kelly Lamas, Member and Andrea Crete, Health Agent were present by phone. Minutes are being recorded by LCTV video and are being transcribed from the video. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Mr. LaFever.

This meeting is being held to reassess and provide guidance for the mask mandate to be instituted on October 4, 2021.

The meeting was joined by Angela Kramer, by phone.

Ms. Kramer provided the Board with the latest COVID numbers. From 9/1/21 – 9/30/21, there were 317 positive cases. The past three weeks breaks down as follows:

- 9/12 – 9/19 = 98 cases
- 9/19 – 9/26 = 80 cases
- 9/26 – 10/1 = 49 cases

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Ms. Kramer has seen a decline in cases recently.

The positivity rate has dropped from a 5.96 to 5.67%.

Ms. Lamas would like to put a pause on the mask mandate and see the Board held a weekly Friday call to discuss the data.

Mr. LaFever agrees and would like the Board to also look at the policy and come to an agreement before being instituted.

Ms. DeSantis agrees with putting a pause on the mandate. Ms. DeSantis would like more close monitoring of the numbers. The Board should be better prepared to have a policy in place in case of a mandate.

The meeting was joined by Alise Bartolucci, a nurse practitioner and lifelong resident, by phone.

Ms. Bartolucci is 100% against a mask mandate. The current mandate that the Board is advising is not supported by science and the information is incomplete. Ms. Bartolucci continued with discussing her opinions on vaccination and positivity rates with the Board.

The meeting was joined by Derek Debarge, Selectman, by phone.

Mr. Debarge agrees with the Board of Health decision, but cautions going forward with reviewing the numbers each week. Is the Board going to be installing an "on again/off again" type of mandate? Mr. Debarge has heard a lot of public frustration because of a mandate being put in place.

The meeting was joined by Louis Tulik, retired police officer trained in homeland security and personal protective equipment.

Mr. Tulik provided information on the use of PPE. Mr. Tulik hopes the residents are not given a false sense of security using cloth or surgical masks. There was a presentation provided on how the cloth and surgical masks do not provide protection. Mr. Tulik also provided studies from an Industrial Hygienist to the Board.

Both Ms. Bartolucci and Mr. Tulik offered their services to assist the Board in the future.

Motion made by Ms. DeSantis to pause on the mask mandate that was to be enforced on October 4, 2021 and to monitor the case numbers on a weekly basis. Seconded by Ms. Lamas. All in favor 3-0.

Mr. LaFever reconfirmed that the Board will take no action as of now and will review the data weekly.

Motion made by Ms. DeSantis to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. with Ms. Lamas seconding the motion. All in favor 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne DeSantis
Secretary

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