



**Town of Southborough
Board of Health
9 Cordaville Road, Lower Level
Southborough, MA 01772-1662**

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Minutes of the Southborough Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2022 – Board of Health – Virtual – 9:30 AM

Present:

Board Members Chelsea Malinowski, Nancy Sacco, Dr. Safdar Medina; Public Health Director, Dr. Heather Alker; Public Health Nurse, Taylor West; Administrative Assistant, Barbara Spiri

Also in Attendance: Police Chief, Ken Paulhus

Opening:

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 9:35 AM by Ms. Malinowski.

Topic: Public Comment

Discussion: No public comments were brought before the Board.

Topic: Vote to Approve the Town Wide Mask Mandate

Discussion: The Board discussed a mask mandate for the Town of Southborough. Ms. Sacco and Dr. Medina agree that it is a must in Southborough. Surrounding towns have mask mandates and it might help to curb the spread. Dr. Alker stated the Omicron variant is more contagious and she would vote yes. Ms. West agreed and feels it needs reinforcement. Chief Paulhaus would like to leave the reinforcement up to the Board of Health. He stated the police would respond to private businesses and would provide education. Ms. Malinowski prepared a draft based on surrounding towns. She would like to ask Town Counsel to look at the document. Information will be posted on the Town’s website, social media, distribution through EDC to businesses, board at Transfer Station, etc. The Board’s goal is to make it effective Thursday, January 13th at 12:01 AM.

Action: Ms. Malinowski made a motion to adopt an emergency mask mandate (which will be revisited at the Board of Health February 8th meeting) subject to any minor changes that Town Counsel may make. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. Vote to approve the meeting minutes: Ms. Malinowski – yes, Ms. Sacco – yes, and Dr. Medina – yes.

Topic: The Board selected the following tentative dates:

- Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, February 8, 2022
- Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Topic: Public Comment



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Ms. Malinowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sacco seconded the motion. Vote to end the meeting: Ms. Malinowski – yes, Ms. Sacco – yes, and Dr. Medina – yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 AM.

Respectively submitted by Barbara Spiri, Administrative Assistant and edited by Chelsea Malinowski.

Documents:
Town Wide Mask Mandate Draft