

MINUTES: BOARD OF HEALTH EMERGENCY MEETING at the SELECTBOARD Meeting

DATE: February 8, 2021

Place: Remote Participation via Zoom ID#: 983 414 9518

Present: Ms. Rock, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Kushi; Selectboard Members: Mr. Pierce, Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Fydenkevez, Mr. Kravitz- Town Administrator

6:30PM APPOINTMENT – Board of Health met at the Selectboard's regularly scheduled meeting of February 8, 2021 to give a report on the COVID-19 status in town. A sharp increase in positive cases has been documented in Sunderland and surrounding communities, mostly due to onset of UMASS students return to campus. Discussions had been held with neighboring communities and UMASS officials. The Board of Health proposed an Emergency Order as follows: Order Temporarily applying reduction of capacity limitations and associated rules to local COVID-19 Safety Rules and Implementation of Early Closure effective February 8, 2021, 5:00AM. The order mandates early closing order issued by the Governor on January 25, 2021 at 5:00AM and to be rescinded and requiring certain businesses to close by 9:30PM each night. The order also addresses "Sector Capacity and Limits" that were issued by the Governor to be rescinded. Capacity limits would be 25% and no business allowed to open beyond 9:30PM. Ms. Rock recommends the temporary order be revisited in 14 days. All clinical activities related to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations will continue at UMASS. Mr. Kravitz personally contacted all immediately impacted business on February 7th. Mr. Bennett moved for a motion to enact : Order Temporarily applying reduction of capacity limitations and associated rules to local COVID-19 Safety Rules and Implementation of Early Closure, Mr. Kushi second. Mr. Kushi wanted to confirm that the Sunderland Police Officers were still appointed as Agents of the Board of Health for the duration of the State of Emergency, Ms. Rock confirmed they were and noted penalties for enforcement remained the same. Ms. Rock roll call vote per motion: Ms. Rock: aye, Mr. Kushi: aye, Mr. Bennett: aye. Vote 3-0, order to be effective February 9, 2021 at 5:00AM. The Board thanked the Selectboard for their time. Board adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary