## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES



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## TOWN OF SUTTON REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting 894 2125 9382

Members Present: William Fredericks, Tammi Marois, Diane Miller, John Silverberg

Staff Present: Cheryl Rawinski

Absent: Ken Malo, Steve Donatelli, Judy Bater

Guest/s Present: None

Call to Order: William Fredericks opened the regular meeting of the Board of Health at 7:04 PM.

Local Upgrades/Variances: None

Local Upgrades Approved/Review Only: None

Department Update/Covid 19 Update: Cheryl stated that Judy forwarded them the letter from Secretary Sutters, stating that Local Boards of Health will not be getting any vaccine. This was very disappointing after all of the training and work being done to obtain vaccine. Hopefully, we are tentatively scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose for first responders. Also, affordable housing act is looking to provide doses for that population. She doesn't know the details, it was just thrown at her yesterday, but she is expecting 100 doses for this group. Cheryl does not know anything more about the roll out on this. Cheryl is trying to have a regional clinic as that is the only way to get vaccine. In order to get vaccine, you must administer 750 doses a day. 5 days a week. Cheryl is not sure how that is going to pan out. Staffing with part time nurses, the population does not warrant that amount of people. Cheryl is coordinating with Uxbridge, who is taking the lead. A lot of confusion, a lot of lack of communication, a lot of frustration. This has been very tedious. Very disheartening that they are opening the next level of vaccine criteria, yet, we have not finished first responders. Bill stated we are 47th in the country for vaccine roll out. Cheryl stated that the local boards of health drill and practice for this and have been left out of the picture and they are shocked. Cheryl stated the communication from the State has been non-existent. She hears guidance on the news like everyone else, even though she is participating in numerous webinars & conference call. John asked how many shots can a nurse give. Cheryl stated 10 nurses, 100 vaccinations in 2 hours. Bill asked about adverse reactions. Cheryl stated that you register on line, come to the clinic at your registered time and then you are screened again and then you get your shot and then you must wait 15 or 30 minutes. We have EMT's and/or Physicians there to monitor. Cheryl had only 1 reaction that needed an ambulance.

They have been using Moderna, 28 Days apart. Johnson & Johnson must be refrigerated and is being looked at by the FDA on Friday. Moderna can't be shaken, comes frozen, must be thawed. It is very fragile. Cheryl said we all want to get this job done, but have been met with a lot of resistance. Cheryl is looking to see if this regional plan works out, she will be looking for volunteers for traffic control and other areas. The board expressed their desire to help. In regards to the case numbers, they are trending down, 23 active cases in town right now for the past 10 days. The peak was over 100 in a 10-day period. Bill asked about severity. Cheryl stated the symptoms seem to be mild right now, but she does not see the outcomes of hospitalizations.

Flu Vaccine is ordered for next year. Judy has been heavily involved with Covid tasks.

Approve Minutes: Tabled.

Old/New Business: None

Review Fee Schedule: Tabled - Bill has not reached out to Steve, yet.

Review Well Regulations: Tabled – John has not reached out to Steve, yet.

Review Supplemental Title 5 Regulations: Tabled

Other Business Not Anticipated: None

Next Meeting: March 23, 2021

Motion to Adjourn at 7:20PM: Tammi Marois Seconded Diane Miller - Unanimous - Approved.

William Fredericks, Chairman

Tammi Marois, Vice Chairman

John Silverberg, Member

Diane Miller, Member

Ken Malo, Jr., Member