

Present: Chairman Joe Casna, Heidi Whipple, Dennis Randall, Janet Wade, Bill Kavol

6:09 p.m. Kingston Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Casna.

Discussions

- Joe Casna recognizes a former member of the Board of Health, David Fitzgerald, who passed away over the weekend and leaves behind a wife and three children. He was an active community member and served on many boards and committees over the years.

Health Agent's Report – Kieran Kelleher

- Kieran states there are 320 positive COVID cases and that numbers are rapidly increasing. States that we're starting to see the holiday numbers come in.
- Kieran says volunteer Lin Yuan will be helping Leanne with contact tracing for an indefinite period of time.
- New café in the Kingston Collection called Jalen's, passed its inspection.
- There will be a vaccine clinic this Friday from 9am – 11am at Kingston Town Hall, and one on Saturday from 9am – 2pm at Kingston Intermediate School.
- Kieran explains why Kingston won't be receiving any free at home testing kits from the state, but if the Board is interested in purchasing some they can.

Discussions

- Joe asks that Board members start to compile information they want put into the Annual Town Report.
- Kieran states there has been no movement on the Public Health Shared Excellence grant.

Healthy Kingston

- Thursday, January 21, 2022, will be the next recording.
- Health Agent Kieran Kelleher, Adam Hatch from the Fire Department and Leanne McGuinness the Public Health Nurse will all be on that show.
- Looking to have a mental health specialist on soon to discuss seasonal depression.
- Janet speaks about a takeout program that focuses on exercise and nutrition. She shows the different parts of the schoolbag that is given out via this program to children. This will be utilized at the Kingston Library.

Discussions

- Joe asks Kieran if he's found any additional funding for items needed in the department. He states no.
- Joe requests someone on the board makes a motion as follows: Effective January 4, 2022, facemasks shall be required in all town buildings. Masks shall properly cover the mouth and nose. This Board of Health mandate shall remain in effect until rescinded by this Board.

Motion to require masks covering the mouth and nose in all town owned buildings, effective January 4, 2022. This Board of Health mandate shall remain in effect until rescinded by this Board:

Heidi Whipple

Second: Dennis Randall

Vote: 5-0-0

Discussion

- Joe explains the Board is now discussing this motion, as it has been seconded.

Motion to fix the signs in the Health Department to asking all customers coming into Town Buildings to wear masks: Joe Casna

Second: Heidi Whipple

Vote: 5-0-0

- Kieran says the department's website is being constantly updated with new statistics.
- A member of the public wants the record to show that he was denied speaking at the meeting.

Move to adjourn at 6:25pm: Dennis Randall

Second: Heidi Whipple

Vote: 5-0-0

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