



**TOWN OF LANCASTER
BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, February 14, 2022, 5:00PM
Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance: Chair Jeff Paster, John Farnsworth, and Katherine Holden (arrived at 5:22pm)

Also in attendance: Debra Dennis, BOH Administrator and Jennifer Cote, Covid-19 Coordinator

Chairman Paster called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

Distribution of Covid 19 Test Kits

The Board members reviewed the policy for distribution of test kits. They discussed they would be available for distribution at the Fire Department, Police Department, Library, Council on Aging and at the Lancaster Board of Health. **John Farnsworth made a motion to accept the policy for the Covid 19 rapid antigen test kits for the public as presented and Jeff Paster seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: John Farnsworth yes, and Jeff Paster yes.**

The Board members reviewed the Covid 19 rapid antigen test distribution form. Chair Paster said in order to issue a free Covid-19 test kit you must be a Town of Lancaster resident or employee and answer the questions on the form and sign. **John Farnsworth made a motion to accept the format of the distribution form as presented and Jeff Paster seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: John Farnsworth yes, and Jeff Paster yes.**

The Board members reviewed the poster. Chair Paster said this poster will go on the front door of all the distribution centers. **John Farnsworth made a motion to accept the format as presented and Jeff Paster seconded the motion. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: John Farnsworth yes, and Jeff Paster yes.**

Chair Paster read a letter that will be going to the Select Board. Katherine Holden arrived at 5:22pm and Chair Paster summarized what had taken place so far.

Chair Paster said he would like to cancel the vaccine clinic that was tentatively scheduled on March 1st due to low turnout at clinics. The other Board members agreed.

Chair Paster discussed rescinding the mask mandate. He showed data pertaining to the positive rate of Covid 19 cases significantly dropping. He said the data shows that things are getting better, but he doesn't think we are out of the woods. He discussed the original criteria to rescind the mask mandate which was three consecutive months of level or insignificant increase or achieving 60% vaccination rate. He discussed eliminating the vaccination rate as a factor in rescinding the face covering mandate.

Adjourn

John Farnsworth made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Katherine Holden. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: John Farnsworth yes, Katherine Holden yes, and Jeff Paster yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted

Debra Dennis
BOH Administrator