

Town of Antrim Select Board Meeting Minutes March 7, 2022 6:00 PM

Board Members Present: John Robertson, Chairman; Tom Davis, Selectman; Michael Ott (via Zoom), Selectman

Staff Present: Town Administrator, Russell McAllister, Health Officer, Marshall Gale.

Others Present: See Attached

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made the motion to approve the February 28th public and non-public meeting minutes. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Town Meeting Preparation

The Board reviewed and discussed the logistics of moving chairs and PA equipment to the gymnasium on Thursday for Town Meeting. Mr. Gale noted that masks and hand sanitizer will be available at the town meeting for those who wish to use them.

Health Officer - COVID Update / Mask Guidance

Fire Chief / Health Officer Marshal Gale briefed the Board on the declining trends in hospital utilization, fewer positive test results, and recent guidance on wearing masks. Current CDC guidance recommends wearing masks when traveling via public transportation and in health facilities. Otherwise, the CDC no longer provides guidance on wearing masks whether or not an individual is vaccinated.

To better align the Board's mask wearing guidance with current CDC recommendations Mr. Davis made the motion to rescind the Board's previous guidance that recommended unvaccinated individuals wear masks in Town buildings. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Other Business

Mr. Robertson spoke to the issue of masks and newly released guidance (2/25) by the NH Department of Health and Human Services concerning mask wearing. It no longer recommended mask wearing. Rebecca Hull asked to speak to the mask wearing guidance issued by the Board of Selectmen to people who were not vaccinated entering Antrim Town buildings. She characterized the Board's policy as discriminatory. Mr. Davis noted that Ms. Hull was not on the agenda and went on to explain that getting on the agenda and supplying material about the issue she wished to discuss gave the Board members time to prepare and schedule necessary staff to attend as well.

The Board briefly discussed other matters with respect to crafting an RFP for the town hall's roof replacement, and review of the 2020 audit.

There being no further business Mr. Davis made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Ott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The meeting adjourned at 1830.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Russell McAllister

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