

Charlemont Board of Health Minutes
BOH Minutes November 5, 2021
Zoom

Present: Doug Telling, Rob Lingle

Absent: none

Guests: Mae Tanner, Randy Crochier

Called to order 10:30

1. Lingle noted that some area towns have repealed their mandate and others considering doing it. This has led to an inconsistency among towns.
2. Telling noted that the positivity rate in the county has been decreasing
3. Lingle noted that, on the other hand, positive cases are increasing in the northern tier of states and science might suggest maintaining it. But the disparate impact of the mandate due to some businesses maintaining it, while others ignore it, has cost some businesses financially. It makes sense to follow suit with the other towns.
4. Telling moved and Lingle seconded a motion to lift the mandate in town upon passage of the motion. Passed 2-0
5. Telling related a conversation with the three working in the town hall. They indicated that the system of appointment only works well. Telling relayed a conversation with the librarian where she would prefer opening up the building but is happy with the appointment system. Telling moved and Lingle seconded a motion to leave the policy unchanged for the town hall and to maintain requiring masks upon entering. Passed 2-0
6. Tanner noted that the politicization of mask policy nationally has debunked the role of science behind such policies.

Telling moved and Lingle seconded a motion to adjourn. Passed 2-0

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Agenda for 11/5/21