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## **TRI-TOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

### **Lee - Lenox – Stockbridge**

#### ***Tri Town Boards of Health Meeting Minutes: January 26, 2022***

##### **In Attendance:**

**TTHD:** Jim Wilusz, Jon Pierce, Jason Dragonetti

**TTBOH:** Bob Wespiser, Carisa Vincent, Charles Kenny, Dianne Romeo, Hank Schwerner, JoAnn Sullivan  
John Kearns, Noel Blagg, Rae Williams

*Several Members of the public were also in attendance.*

##### **Documents:** Agenda, 1.26.22 Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m.
- II. Review and approve minutes of Jan TTHD meeting
  - a. Joanne Sullivan moved to approve.
  - b. Johns seconded the motion.
  - c. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- III. Public discussion on vaccine passport in food establishments
  - a. Dr Kenny gave an overview on why the discussion was put on agenda. Dr. Kenny spoke that this is a subject of great interest and having it on the agenda allows all people to speak and participate while complying with open meeting laws. Dr. Kenny gave rules of for the public to keep it to 3 minutes or less and asked participants need to raise their hand and then be called upon.
  - b. Dianne Romeo spoke and explained there was no mandate or regulation on table. There was never an intent for a vote but more of an opportunity to voice their opinions on the subject. Dianne also met with the Chamber and the restaurants o the idea and most people were not in favor and the putting a requirement in place could negatively impact their business. The boards need to look long term as COVID is not going away.
  - c. Joanne agreed with Dianne and its not going away. Spoke about schools re very safe and agreed that these are tough times for food establishments and the lack of recruiting staff. People should have choices and for those that feel unsafe should rethink going out to eat.
  - d. Rae spoke about what she is seeing in the clinical setting. She is advocating a suggesting but not a requirement and how the board and staff have been subject to a lot of anger from the public towards us.
  - e. Dr Wespiser spoke about how beneficial it is for him to hear from many different perspectives.

- f. Dr. Kenny closed his comments from the board that he feels based on research that a vaccine passport won't work if implemented as people that are fully vaccinated can still carry the omicron variant.
  - g. Director Wilusz gave a short overview on active case trends.
  - h. The public discussion was opened and several people spoke within the allotted times.
- IV. No new business anticipated by chair.
- V. Citizen Speak time: None
- VI. Dr. Kenny asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Dr. Kearns, Seconded by Dr. Wespiser. All voted to adjourn the meeting.