

Westhampton Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, January 8, 2022  
In Person Meeting  
Westhampton Town Hall

Attending: Tom Martin (TM), Robby Armenti (RA), Katch Bacheller (KB), Doug Finn (DF),  
Meaghan Schwelm (MS)

Call to order Tom Martin, 9:07am

Meeting moved immediately to new business - MS discussing the Library taking a pause in programming due the rapid spread of the Omicron Covid virus.

The Library staff and Trustees currently support remaining open and continuing to offer curbside pickup.

Discussion. MS stated that in all cases the Library Board errs on the side of safety.

Conclusion MS will confer with the Museum Trustees and they will signal their decision.

RA states the Town of Westhampton Selectboard is asking the Westhampton Board of Health for a broader perspective regarding the Covid Pandemic.

Discussion regarding Covid recommendation as stated by the state of Massachusetts regarding masking and vaccinations, and the recommendation by the Westhampton Board of Health that is in place.

Discussion

RA made a motion "that the governing authority of each building be encouraged to set capacity limits to allow for social distancing"

Discussion centered on the need for additional statements from the BOH, governance, implied governance and State of MA recommendations.

KB seconded

Vote; 1 for; 2 against - motion not passed

Additional discussion regarding the "new normal" living with Covid, state and local guidelines regarding covid protocol.

RA made a motion "that BOH recommends all eligible Westhampton residents vaccinate fully per state guidance"

KB seconded

Spirited discussion regarding MA recommendation in place, selectboard authorizations and BOH recommendations, pandemic fatigue.

Vote 1 for; 2 against- motion not passed

RA stated she did not feel safe in an in person meeting. Meeting adjourned to continue Saturday, January 15, 2022 as a hybrid meeting. Adjourned 10:25am

