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**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 16, 2022**

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ATTENDEES: Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Chairperson
James Stepanian, Member
Rosemary Decie, RS, Health Agent
Anita Wright, RN, Public Health Nurse
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

This Board of Health meeting was held in the main meeting room at town hall.

Meeting Open: 6:05 PM

AGENDA:

The first agenda item is mask mandate. Kadar-Hull said effective February 28th the state is deferring to the cities and towns and school districts to make a decision on masks. Kadar-Hull said that she learned that the school committee made the decision that masks will be optional in our school district. Stepanian made a motion to rescind the mask mandate for all town buildings for people that are vaccinated and ask people that are unvaccinated to wear a mask in consideration of people that are immune compromised, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next the Board discussed a vaccine mandate for the Groveland Summer 2022 Recreation Program which was referred from the Selectmen to the Board of Health for guidance. Careful review and research of current information on this subject was undertaken. Information was reviewed from the CDC, DPH, DESE and the ACA (American Camp Association) and local state and nationwide practice recommendations. The State of Massachusetts encourages vaccination and the Board supports that position fully as best practice. But we concluded that we cannot support mandated vaccine administration having carefully reviewed all current information. Kadar-Hull made a motion that the Board of Health does not recommend a vaccine mandate for the Groveland Summer 2022 Recreation Program at this time based on current information from the CDC, DPH, DESE, ACA, Stepanian seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Next the Board reviewed the 2021 Annual Report. Kadar-Hull and Stepanian said the report was good and they had no revisions. Stepanian made a motion to approve the Health Department 2021 Annual Report, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

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Last the Board reviewed meeting minutes for approval. Kadar-Hull made a motion to approve meeting minutes of January 27, 2022, Stepanian seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned: 6:35 PM

Next Board of Health Meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.

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