



Meeting Minutes #0402.20

MEDFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting dated April 2, 2020

Members Present: Carol Read and Stephen Resch, members,

Also Present: Nancy Bennotti, Administrative; Assistant. Bridget Sweet, Health Agent; Kristine Trierweiler, Town Administrator; Nicholas Milano, Assistant Town Administrator; Chief M Guerette, Medfield Police Dept; Chief W Carrico, Medfield Fire Dept; Kevin Ryder, Medfield Park & Rec; C McCue, Medfield, MA ; Joanne M.

Meeting was through Zoom teleconferencing.

Mrs Read expressed appreciation to the Town Administrator and the leadership team for their guidance during this crisis.

The Board discussed the dissemination of information with regard to positive COVID-19 cases. The Board of Health communicates with Massachusetts Dept of Public Health and state agencies with the goal of supporting the town administration. Reporting of positive COVID-19 cases and the procedure used to impart that information to both the public and the first responders was discussed. MDPH would prefer that the reporting of the information should be by county. The Town Administrator would prefer that the town advise residents when there are positive cases so residents will take the need for employing the preventative measures seriously. Through the MAVEN database, the Public Health nurse will provide the case information, including the patient's address directly to the Fire Dept. who will provide the information to the Police Dept. The public health nurse will provide the Town Administrator with the number of positive/recovered cases and the town administrator will, in turn, provide the information on the town website.

The health agent cautions that the MAVEN database contains information which is reported to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. It does not contain information for cases that are not reported through formal testing.

At the March 31st Board of Selectman's meeting access to the Medfield State Hospital was discussed. The Town Administrator feels strongly that the residents need this recreational outlet. Chief Guerette also supports the use of the property. The chief feels that the town's youth, in particular, has risen to the occasion and are doing well under the circumstances. This group of residents will congregate either way, so the hospital provides a great option.

Out of an abundance of caution and due to concerns reported in the media about the status of nursing homes affected by the COVID-19 virus, the health agent and the public health nurse conducted a joint inspection of the Thomas Upham House. A written report of their findings will be provided to the administration of the nursing home and a follow up inspection will be conducted next week.

Mrs Read reiterated the mental health resources that are available on the COVID-19 page on the town's website.

Town Administrator requested a weekly meeting on Thursdays from 230pm to 330pm in order to provide an update and guidance for the extent of the COVID-19 crisis.

Dr Resch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 pm, Mrs Read seconded the motion, and vote was by roll call, 2-0 unanimous, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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