



## Meeting Minutes #0409.20

### MEDFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting dated April 9, 2020

**Members Present:** Carol Read, Stephen Resch, Holly Rand, Melissa Coughlin, members,

**Also Present:** Bridget Sweet, Health Agent; Nancy Bennotti, Administrative Assistant; Kristine Trierweiler, Town Administrator; M Guerette, Medfield Police Dept; J Marsden, Superintendent, Medfield Public Schools; W Carrico, Chief, Medfield Fire Dept; S Dragotakes, Medfield, MA

#### **Meeting was through Zoom teleconferencing.**

The Board of Health will meet every Thursday at 2:30 pm. at the request of the Town Administrator to provide update / guidance with regard to the current COVID-19 crisis.

Mrs Read opened the meeting and expressed appreciation to the town administration for the leadership shown during this difficult time.

Town Administrator provided the most recent update of the positive case reporting: There has been 14 positive cases to date, 4 of the cases have recovered, leaving 10 active cases as of the time of the meeting. This number changes frequently. This information is available on the Covid-19 page on the town website as well as through the emergency alert system.

The Health Agent, Bridget Sweet, gave an update to the Governor's Order dated 4/7/2020 regarding grocery stores. Customers need more assistance with maintaining social distancing, using masks, gloves, etc. In general, the grocery stores are being vigilant.

The former Medfield State Hospital was discussed at the recent Board of Selectman meeting. The town administration and police department advocate for keeping the property open and accessible during this period of time as a way of providing stress relief and exercise.

The Trustees of the Reservation are re-opening some of their properties. Medfield Meadow Lots and the Medfield Rhododendrons are open, Rocky Woods remains closed.

The Health Agent and the Public Health Nurse made a second visit to the Thomas Upham House earlier in the week and observed proper use of PPE by staff. Another visit will be made during a time which will allow observation of patient/staff interaction.

There was a brief discussion about Boards of Health in several towns in Massachusetts are mandating mask use for both retail employees and consumers (Brookline and Salem). Discussion items included:

- . What are protocols regarding carriages? Are they cleaned before being used again?
- . Do employees want to wear masks? Is the retailer allowing employees to wear masks? Who provides the masks?
- . Same questions with regard to wearing gloves, is this required? Who provides? What is more effective - gloves or mandated hand washing breaks?

The health agent had spoken with Roche Bros/Brothers Market on 4/8/2020. Roche Bros encourages mask use by employees and is providing the masks. The health agent will check in with Shaws Supermarket. Dr Resch asked if other businesses are using the mask/gloves precaution.

Chief Carrico stated that members of the fire department are using masks while at the station and, when there is a call, both the driver and the technician are using full PPE (gowns/gloves/N-95 masks) while on the call. Chief Guerette stated that a procedural change puts the bulk of the exposure on the fire department., but members of the police dept are using masks while at calls.

Dr Resch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 pm, Mrs Coughlin seconded the motion, and vote was by roll call, 4-0 unanimous, motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned.**

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