



Meeting Minutes #0501.20

MEDFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting dated May 1, 2020

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

Also Present: Bridget Sweet, Health Agent; Nancy Bennotti, Administrative Assistant; Kristine Trierweiler, Town Administrator; Jeffrey Marsden, School Superintendent

Meeting was through Zoom teleconferencing.

The Board of Health will meet every week 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 advised that 567 Absentee Ballots have been requested in anticipation of the town election on this coming Monday, May 4th. Prior year's absentee ballots average 15-20. Ms Trierweiler reviewed with the Board the process to be used for the election on Monday.

Town Administrator shared that she is starting to plan for the eventual re-opening of Town Hall.

The Health agent advised that she is still waiting on the state for a decision as to the operation of recreational camps for children. The data collected from contact tracing will factor into a decision. Once MDPH had advised of their position, then the BOH will be able to make a decision on the local level.

The Town Administrator shared that Town Meeting will be a subject of discussion at the Board of Selectman meeting next Tuesday, May 6, 2020. The Governor and Legislature issued general guidance since the SOE for Town Meeting. In regard to social distancing and current limitations for gatherings the 250 person quorum requirement is an issue. She mentioned an option for towns to conduct TM with 10% of quorum, some members of the BOS did not express favor for this option. Kristine stated she would be meeting with the Town Moderator to discuss the structure and scope of spring Town Meeting including location and procedural options in consideration of public health guidelines.

The health agent updated the board that she has done several routine inspections and has found that in general all establishments are in compliance with guidance re: social distancing, wearing of masks, etc. One cease/desist order has been issued as a result of complaints received.

Discussion by board regarding request by landlord of a 23 unit apartment building to include multi-unit apartment buildings in the notice: “*Recommendation for Facial Coverings*”. The board members discussed the pros and cons of amending the recommendation. Dr Resch made a motion to amend the Recommendation for Facial Coverings dated April 21, 2020, to include multi-unit dwellings and commercial buildings. Mrs Coughlin seconded the motion, and vote was by roll call, 4-0 unanimous, motion carried

The board discussed approval of meeting minutes. Going forward, once the draft minutes are read and each member attending that specific meeting has emailed their approval to the administrative assistant, the minutes will be considered approved. No separate motion to approve minutes at a posted meeting will be necessary.

The amended state tobacco regulations going into effect on June 1st, our local regulations regarding the sale of tobacco should be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 1230 pm by Zoom teleconferencing.

Mrs Rand made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm, Dr Resch seconded the motion, and vote was by roll call, 4-0 unanimous, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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