



Meeting Minutes #0515.20

MEDFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting dated May 15, 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; William Carrico, Fire Chief; Michelle Guerette, Police Chief; Kevin Ryder, Parks & Recreation Director; Jeffrey Kane, Norfolk, MA; C McCue Potts, K Thompson and T James, Medfield, MA

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;

Mrs Read reported that Sam Aronson, graduate of Medfield High School Class of 2011 has donated 2000 disposable masks to the Town of Medfield. Mrs Read will be delivering these masks to the Public Safety Department.

School Superintendent Marsden presented the idea behind a proposed “Rolling Rally” to celebrate the graduates of Medfield High School. This proposal is a version of a tradition where the senior class visits each school in their caps and gowns. The school department would like to continue this tradition this year, if possible, by using the rolling rally. Chief Guerette reviewed what precautions are in place to adhere to the guidelines of social distancing, etc. The health agent, Bridget Sweet, requested that it be noted as part of the record proposal is a contradiction to the stay at home advisory and greater the 10 people guidance which is currently in effect. Mrs Trierweiler agreed that this does send a mixed message, however the town is allowing the state hospital to remain open for recreational use. Mrs Trierweiler does appreciate the health agent’s position. Dr Resch noted that there is a concern that the teachers stay at least 6 feet apart and students staying inside their cars.

Dr Marsden is reviewing graduation plans and is hopeful to have some kind of ceremony. Mrs Trierweiler said that, if successful, it might be incorporated for town meeting. Mrs Read noted that no vote by the Board is necessary, but requested that the information regarding the “Rolling Rally” be emailed as plans progress.

Mrs Sweet, health agent, reviewed process for allowing food establishments with expanded operations (i.e.: groceries, meat, etc.) and re-opening the establishments. The health agent would like to provide the information to the permit holder/establishments by means of a zoom meeting.

Mr. Jeff Kane applied to the Board of Health for plan review with regard to compliance with the board's stormwater/drainage regulations. Michael Clark PE reviewed the plan on behalf of the Board of Health. As this is the first time a plan review has come before this board, Mr Clark reviewed the process that he uses in order to determine compliance. Mr. Kane and Mr. Clark have had an opportunity to work together before and his submission is in 100% compliance with the regulations. Mr. Clark recommended that the Board issue a conditional approval which is set forth in a memorandum which Mr. Clark prepared on behalf of the Board which is addressed to the Planning Board. The conditions of the approval were reviewed with the Board. Mrs. Read made a motion to approve the site plan/stormwater Conditional Approval as set forth in a Memorandum dated May 15, 2020. Mrs. Coughlin seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 4-0, motion carried. The Conditional Approval will be forwarded to all concerned parties, including planning board, town clerk, building commissioner, conservation commission, applicant, engineer.

Mr Clark discussed the status of the Board's stormwater regulations. They are in need of updating as they are 20 years old and need to incorporate changes such as compliance with MA DEP MS4 stormwater permit, precipitation patterns, rainfall runoff and town bylaws regarding erosion control. Would like to make the regulations more user friendly and integrate them with the current code, DPW, and ZBA/Planning Board regulations. There is a bylaw that allows the Board of Health to re-write regulations with the approval by public hearing rather than a vote at Town Meeting.

An observer to the meeting, C McCue-Potts, asked for input by Michael Clark, PE as to whether the Dale Street School Project is required to go through the Board of Health. Michael Clark has experience with reviewing both the Middle School/High School and the Public Safety Building projects on behalf of the Town. The Board of Health does have stormwater and drainage regulations. The review of the project for compliance with these regulations is achieved by submission of an application and checklist with a site plan and supporting documentation. The review process is concurrent with the Planning Board review. There are instances that the Planning Board has relied on the BOH review for stormwater/drainage compliance. Ms McCue-Potts asked with the increase in the number of students at that one site there will have to be an increase of pavement surface.

Ms McCue-Potts also asked whether the BOH will be represented at the information forum on Tuesday May 19th. The Board confirmed that someone will be in attendance. Mrs Rand stated that the person who attends on behalf of the Board of Health will be information gathering only. Mrs Read requested that if the person who attends does have an opportunity to speak, that they clarify that they are speaking as a personal opinion and doesn't reflect the opinion of the Board of Health

Mrs Trierweiler asked for a representative from the Board of Health for a municipal building re-opening sub-committee. Dr Resch volunteered on behalf of Board.

Kevin Ryder provided an update as to the status of the summer camp program that the Parks and Recreation operates and how that department hopes to operate given the restrictions imposed by the COVID 19 guidelines.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 300 pm by Zoom teleconferencing.

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

Meeting adjourned.

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