



Meeting Minutes #0423.20

MEDFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting dated April 23, 2020

Members Present: Carol Read, Stephen Resch, Holly Rand, members,

Also Present: Bridget Sweet, Health Agent; Nancy Bennotti, Administrative Assistant; Kristine Trierweiler, Town Administrator; M Guerette, Medfield Police Dept; W Carrico, Chief, Medfield Fire Dept.

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; and also thanked town resident Abby Marble for organizing volunteers who will provide grocery shopping services to those residents currently in isolation due to COVID-19.

Board members briefly discussed upcoming June 1st date for implementation of new state law on tobacco and vape sales. Dr Resch would like to review the options of permit capping vs cap and retire. This will be an agenda item for discussion at next meeting.

Police Chief Guerette received an email from the Goddard School for information and support for a teacher appreciation program which will entail families driving through parking lot with balloons, signs, etc. for the school's teachers. The teachers will be assembled in the parking lot and allow them to wave to the participants. The board members are reluctant to allow this due to the number of teachers number more than 10, and this will encourage more groups to do the same. If the school can spread the celebration over a number of hours and minimize the # of teachers to under ten per time slot. It might be possible. Chief Guerette will provide school with board feedback and if they decide to go forward will send date/time information to Mrs Read. Chief Guerette reports positive feedback on their PSA and t-shirts. Stated that the t-shirts are not a revenue generating proposal and ask only that a donation is made to a local charity (Food Cupboard, etc.)

Fire Chief Carrico reports that they are receiving sufficient PPE at this time.

Town Administrator noted that the town reported numbers do match the state reported numbers.

The health agent offered that if restaurants are going to be selling items such as groceries, toilet paper, etc. Specific parameters need to be in place in order for these food service establishments to become food retail establishments.

Brief discussion on requiring essential businesses to use facial coverings/masks.

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

Meeting adjourned.

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