



## Meeting Minutes #0604.20

### MEDFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting dated June 4, 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; Police Chief M Guerrette; Kevin Ryder, Director of Medfield Parks and Recreation; and Teresa 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 Trierweiler noted that the Board of Health budget was an item of discussion on social media. The post incorrectly stated that there was an increase in the Board of Health budget for FY2021. In order to reflect the true operating budget of a department, the department administrative salary is being transferred from the Town Administrator's budget to the individual departments' budget. Brief discussion of the budget process with regard to the COVID-19 reimbursement process through FEMA and the Cares Act.

Mrs. Theresa James requested an appointment with the Board of Health in order to conduct art classes using the Governor's re-opening guidance. The health agent noted that as this retail establishment is not a restaurant the BOH cannot grant capacity as it cannot be less restrictive than the state guidance. The Governor's office is relying heavily on "data not dates". If the phase 2 re-opening is successful, the additional capacities will be granted in a phased approach within the phases. Mrs. Trierweiler noted that the "arts" and other "non-athletic" instructional classes have been left out of the phased in process. Mrs. Trierweiler will provide Ms James with legislator's contact information in order to bring this to their attention. Mrs. Sweet feels that the June 6, 2020 guidance will be more forthcoming.

Kevin Ryder reported that Phase 2 will address sports fields, sports courts and playgrounds. This was discussed at the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Groups looking to use these facilities will be submitting plans to Parks & Recreation. Parks and Recreations will be cleaning playgrounds this coming weekend and Mr Ryder is working on a schedule for ongoing cleaning. Mrs Read noted that the Parks & Recreation Dept will need to monitor and enforce protocols. Dr Resch stated that consistency will be useful as long as there is a method in place for monitoring/enforcement, this should stem complaints.

Mr Ryder and the board discussed the opportunity of running a day camp this summer. Mr Ryder is hoping to submit the camp permit application next week. There are a lot of issues which make operating a camp a challenge: space limitations, use of waterfront, first aid i.e. use of inhalers (aerosolized medication), and sanitizing among other issues. Several members voiced support of a camp program as long as it can be operated within the parameters set forth in the Governor's guidance and Mr Ryder is comfortable with the operation of the program. Dr Resch stated that the benefit of a program would outweigh the risk.

Animal permits are renewing on July 1, 2020. Dr Resch made a motion to allow the Board Chair to sign animal permits. Mrs Coughlin seconded the motion. The vote was by roll call 3-0, motion carried.

With regard to Appointments, Dr Resch wanted to clarify the process to be used and confirm that the health agent will provide a summary of the reason for the appointment request, and then the Board of Health members will weigh in on the request.

Mrs Read made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 pm, Dr Resch seconded the motion, and vote was by roll call, 3-0 unanimous, motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned.**

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