



## Meeting Minutes #0710.20

### MEDFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting dated July 10, 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; Susan Bernstein Medfield COA, Had8 and Jen Mynahan (participant list on Zoom).

#### **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.

Dr Resch advised the Board that he will participate on the school re-opening team. There was a kick off meeting that explained the process. It appears to be a very directed process from the top down. There are approximately 35 people involved, and their role is not to develop plans, but to review and comment on the plans submitted. Dr Resch will keep BOH updated with regard to process.

The board discussed BOH role with regard to school re-openings. Although there is confusion because information from DESE and EEC invokes “in connection with BOH”, the health agent confirmed that the BOH does not have an oversight role.

Mrs Read confirmed that the contract with Natick Walpole Visiting Nurse Association for the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 was signed by the Board of Selectmen on July 7, 2020. Mrs. Trierweiler clarified that the process for any contracts will be that Boards will “recommend” signing but the Board of Selectmen will sign the contract.

Mrs Read confirmed that she signed a number of permits on behalf of the BOH on July 1<sup>st</sup>. At the June 4, 2020 BOH meeting, a motion was made to give the chairman the authority to Sign animal permits on behalf of the Board. In the interim, several permit applications were submitted to the BOH that resulted in “non-animal” permits being prepared for signature. These permits were included in the permits signed by Mrs. Read on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Read’s concern is that the BOH did not expressly give her the authority to sign the permits as they were not “animal” permits. After discussion it was determined that there would be a weekly update as to the permits to be signed by the Board.

Susan Bernstein, volunteer coordinator for the Council on Aging, requested the board's input with regard to whether or not the volunteer rider program could resume. Ms Bernstein explained the volunteer program to the Board. Ms Bernstein stated that Attorney Cerel created a waiver to be signed by both the volunteer driver and the senior (passenger). Board members discussed the necessity of seeing a doctor vs the risk of the volunteer. There are options available, telehealth, etc. But, if it is determined that the senior must see the health professional, the COA must ensure that all precautions must be taken to ensure the safety of both the driver and the passenger.

The health agent gave a brief update on the governor's Phase 3 Re-opening to continue next week.

The Board will meet next on Thursday July 23, 2020 at 2:00 pm by Zoom.

Mrs Read made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mrs Coughlin seconded the motion, and vote was by roll call, 4-0 unanimous, motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned.**

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