

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
April 30, 2020**

OPENING: The special emergency meeting of the Board of Health opened at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

Dr. Jerome Azia

Sue Brzoska

Jean Nilsson

Ms. Tammy Spencer, Health Director, was also in attendance.

This meeting is being held via Zoom.

Dr. Azia read the Virtual Opening of Meeting statement pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions to the open meeting law.

MINUTES

Ms. Brzoska made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2020. Dr. Azia seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nilsson – yes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board Chairman, Russ Fox, Select Board Vice Chairman, Doug Moglin, Select Board
Clerk, Joe Deedy,
Health Nurse, Dr. Kate Johnson

MS. SPENCER'S REPORT

TITLE 5

Ms. Spencer is continuing to limit septic system inspections to repairs on occupied homes only.

Ms. Spencer has approved 1 septic design plans at the following location: 62 Miller Road

Ms. Spencer witnessed a Soil Suitability Test at 47 Tannery Road.

COVID-19 DISCUSSION

On April 28, 2020 Governor Baker extended the Essential Services Emergency Order to May 18, 2020. The Department of Public Health's Stay at Home Advisory also remains in effect until May 18, 2020. Governor Baker has launched a Reopening Advisory Board that will be putting together a plan to reopen the economy. This plan will be presented to the Governor by May 18, 2020.

The National Guard will be testing residents and employees at the American Inn for COVID-19.

There have been no further issues with people congregating at the North boat ramp.

Ms. Spencer and Karl Stinehart, Chief Administrative Officer, continue to discuss reopening procedures.

Ms. Spencer and Michelle Hill, Town Clerk continue to discuss and plan for the town election. PPE has been obtained.

Meadow View Farms had a congested opening but with direction from Lieutenant Landis they have been able to overcome any issues that they may have had. Only the main parking lot is open and once it is full it will be closed then reopened once there are open parking spots available. Patrons must wear a face covering on the premises. Ms. Spencer visited the farm multiple times and stated that although from the road it does look to be very busy she is confident with the procedures that have been put in place to ensure social distancing and the safety of the employees and the customers.

Ms. Spencer has drafted an order to mandate the wearing of face coverings for employees and customers of all essential business. Ms. Spencer will draft a recommendation that all residents wear face coverings in public.

Ms. Brzoska made a motion to accept the order to mandate the wearing of face coverings in all essential business as amended and the recommendation for all residents to wear face coverings in public. Ms. Nilsson seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows.

Dr. Azia - yes

Ms. Brzoska - yes

Ms. Nilsson - yes

The order and recommendation will go into effect May 2, 2020 and will be announced to the public through Code Red and posted on the town's website.

Dr. Kate Johnson stated that as of tonight Southwick has 40 confirmed positive cases, 2 deaths, and 7 cases that are active and in isolation. The police and fire departments are updated on positive cases on a regular basis. Dr. Johnson stresses to the public to remain vigilant with social distancing and the wearing of face coverings in public.

Ms. Brzoska made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07. Ms. Nilsson seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nillson - yes

The next scheduled meeting is May 7, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Pelley, Secretary

cc:
Select Board
Town Clerk

Dr. Jerome Azia, Chairman

Tammy Spencer, Health Director

Sue Brzoska

Jean Nilsson

Date