

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
May 7, 2020**

OPENING: The regular scheduled 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 table the minutes of April 30, 2020. Dr. Azia seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nilsson – yes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board Vice Chairman, Doug Moglin, Select Board Clerk, Joe Deedy,
Health Nurse, Dr. Kate Johnson, Jeff Thompson 4 Grandview Street, Sean Zigerowski 6
Nicholson Hill Road, Peter Courier, Westfield Evening News

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: 68 Congamond Road.

Ms. Spencer witnessed a Soil Suitability Test at 145 College Highway and 32 Fernwood Drive.

Ms. Spencer performed a final Title 5 inspection at the American Inn.

FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS Moolicious, Kettlebread Deli

COVID-19 DISCUSSION

Ms. Spencer has been receiving phone calls from businesses asking about reopening procedures. Although we have not received anything formal from the Governor as to when that will happen, Ms. Spencer is available to all businesses for support on how to prepare for reopening. Ms. Spencer visited the American Legion to discuss opening procedures.

Ms. Spencer received a phone call from Chief Bishop Sunday regarding an unlicensed food truck selling food and alcohol from The Cove parking lot. Once Ms. Spencer receives the police report there will be a fine issued to the owners of the food truck.

There has been an overabundance of boats in the water due to the gate house at the North Pond boat ramp not being staffed. This has also resulted in groups of boats congregating near the shore. Chief Bishop and Ms. Spencer walked to the area and assessed the situation. The Conservation Commission will be putting up signs to remind boaters to respect social distancing guidelines. The gate house will be staffed this weekend. Governor Baker also stated in his order that only vehicles with Massachusetts license plates will be able to park and launch their boats at the boat ramp. Lake Management Commission is meeting next Thursday and will be discussing staffing the gate house, and the best way to manage the Governor's Order.

The Governors essential services list stipulated that only campgrounds that are open all year with long term residency may open. However, campgrounds that have customers that lease, own, or pay taxes on their campground lot, can apply to open early to allow those people access to their summer homes. Ms. Spencer has forwarded contact information to area campgrounds that offer this type of residency. Family style camping or short term camping is not permitted. Game rooms, common rooms, public restrooms, and pools will remain closed.

Superintendent Willard and Southwick Regional School Principal, Joseph Turmell have sent Ms. Spencer their plan for graduation. Ms. Spencer has forwarded this plan to all Board members. The Board is waiting to make any decisions until they receive guidance from the State regarding graduation.

Golf courses are considered a non essential service however, Governor Baker has allowed provisions for golf courses to open. Municipalities are able to decide if golf courses will be open and have been given guidelines on how to do so.

Ms. Brzoska made a motion to open golf courses. Dr. Azia seconded the motion.

Roll call vote is as follows.

Dr. Azia - present

Ms. Brzoska - yes

Ms. Nilsson - yes

The Agawam Revolver Club has requested to open their outdoor range. Ms. Spencer will be visiting the location and developing guidelines to reopen. Ms. Spencer will present the guidelines to the Board at their next meeting.

Living Hope Church has requested to hold drive in church service and presented a detailed plan to the Board. At this time the Board does not approve the plan for a drive in church service.

As of the date of this meeting Southwick has 48 confirmed positive cases. We currently have 7 cases that are in isolation. Dr. Kate Johnson has created a bar graph showing the cumulative positive cases from March 27, 2020 to present. The graph has been E-mailed to Board members. Dr. Kate Johnson will be taking a leave of absence from May 5, 2020 thru July 24, 2020. Ms. Spencer will be trained on the MAVEN system in order to monitor positive cases and relay addresses to police and fire departments during Dr. Johnson absence. Ms. Spencer and Dr. Kate Johnson will be researching options in finding a nurse to fill in while Dr. Johnson is on leave.

Dr. Azia inquired as to Ms. Spencer having enough support during the Covid-19 pandemic. Ms. Spencer stated that she has received great support from many different departments within the town. Doug Moglin, Vice Chairman, Select Board, stated that the Select Board is asking that detailed records are kept by any town employee having additional expenditures due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ms. Brzoska asked if Ms. Spencer has received any complaints regarding Meadow View Farm. Ms. Spencer has received no complaints as of the date of this meeting.

Some of the Board members have been receiving complaints from community members about people not wearing masks. Ms. Spencer has been visiting, mailing and emailing signs and copies of the Governors ordered to all businesses that are open. Within Governor Baker's order municipalities have the ability to impose fine of up to \$300 to anyone who does not comply.

Ms. Brzoska made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18. 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 14, 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