

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
May 21, 2020**

OPENING: The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Health opened at 6:04 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

Dr. Azia made a motion to accept the minutes of May 14, 2020. Ms. Nilsson seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nilsson – abstained

ATTENDANCE

Select Board Vice Chairman, Doug Moglin, Select Board Clerk, Joe Deedy,
Peter Courrier, Westfield Evening News
Jared Singerland, Peter Clark, The Ranch
Linda Bathel,
Barbara Hepburn, Ed Hepburn, Annie Hansen, Edgewood

MS. SPENCER'S REPORT

TITLE 5

Ms. Spencer will be inspecting and approving new septic plans as time allows.

Ms. Spencer has approved septic design plans at the following locations: 100 Klaus Anderson, 25 Woodside Circle, 1 Blackberry Crescent Circle, 15 Sawgrass Lane, and 11 Jared Lane.

Ms. Spencer witnessed Soil Suitability Tests at 6 Ed Holcomb, 4 Hillcrest.

Ms. Spencer performed a final Title 5 inspection at 10 Noble Steed.

Public safety procedures put in place for Tuesday's election were deemed successful.

COVID-19 DISCUSSION

Massachusetts reopening plan was posted on Monday with outlines on the phased reopening of the state. Essential services that are already operating have been given instructions on how to self certify to ensure that these businesses are operating according to the Governor's orders. Churches have been allowed to reopen with restrictions. Letters with information on how to self certify have been mailed to all churches and essential businesses. Monday May, 25, 2020 will begin the next phase of reopening including but not limited to pet grooming, hair salons, car washing. You can find complete information at Mass.gov under reopening, or through the link available through the Town's website.

The Board of Health office continues to field an abundance of phone calls on reopening procedures, especially for those businesses not included in phase one such as restaurants, campgrounds, and pools as there is very little guidance available at this time. Ms. Spencer has been in regular communication with fellow health agents in Hamden County and will continue meeting regularly via Zoom to discuss these topics.

Tag sales fall under the retail category and are not allowed at this time.

Ms. Brzoska asked about having gatherings at home. No gatherings of more than 10 people are allowed unless outside and approved by Public Health Officials.

Dr. Kate Johnson, Tammy Spencer, and Marsha Lamoureaux met on Zoom to discuss Ms. Lamoureaux's responsibilities while filling in for Dr. Johnson during her leave of absence.

There have been 35 people tested and 3 new positive cases this past week. Southwick has 53 positive cases and 2 deaths as of the date of this meeting.

Ms. Brzoska asked Ms. Spencer if she will be spot checking area businesses to ensure that they are operating according to the new regulations. Ms. Spencer stated that the new work place safety regulations are no longer health regulations and fall under the Department of Labor Standards and they will be the major enforcing authority. The Department of Labor Standards has a hotline for complaints available on their website. It is up to DLS to decide if a complaint is forwarded to local Boards of Health to handle. At this time it is not known how the state will be assisting local officials on enforcing the work place safety regulations.

GOLF COURSE FOOD SERVICE

Under the Governor's April 1, 2020 order consumption of food or drink on premises is prohibited. The guidelines for essential services from the Governor was adopted by the Board of Health. The Board cannot amend the Governor's order but they can amend the guidelines for essential services to allow restaurants at golf courses to open. The Board discussed at length with representatives from The Ranch, and Edgewood golf courses the ability for them to offer curbside pick up/take out food service only. Ms. Nilsson motioned to allow The Ranch and Edgewood Golf Course to open their restaurants and offer take out only, curbside pick up with low or contact-less pick up of food effective tomorrow. A table may be available for distribution, but no chairs are allowed near the table. Ms. Brzoska seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia - abstained

Ms. Brzoska - yes

Ms. Nillson - yes

Ms. Spencer has received information from the State regarding school graduations but has not had a chance to review them.

Ms. Nilsson stated that anyone performing work beyond their normal work detail makes sure they are being compensated for that work.

Peter Courier asked for clarification on which golf courses were represented during the above discussion. Ms. Brzoska asked if Longhi's Golf Course had food service. Ms. Spencer will contact Longhi's Golf Course for verification of their offerings regarding food and drink.

Mr. Deedy asked Ms. Spencer to confirm the number new positive cases.

Dr. Azia asked Ms. Spencer how many cases are still in isolation. Ms. Spencer did not have that information at the time of the meeting.

Ms. Nilsson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04. Ms. Brzoska seconded the motion.

Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

Ms. Nillson - yes

The next scheduled meeting is May 28, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 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