

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
August 5, 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, Chairman

Sue Brzoska, Vice Chairman

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 accept the minutes of July 16, 2020. Dr. Azia seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board Vice Chairman, Doug Moglin, Sergio Bonavita, Managing Partner, Westfield River Brewing Company, Health Nurse, Dr. Kate Johnson, Peter Courier, Westfield Evening News

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

DRIVE IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Mr. Bonavita with Westfield River Brewing Company explained to the Board his plans for holding a drive in music performance. The proposed performance would be held at Westfield River Brewing Company. There was much discussion regarding the proposed event. Ms. Brzoska asked to look at the plan showing how the parking will be set up. Dr. Johnson asked if contact information for the attendees would be available if needed. Mr. Bonavita stated that the way they sell tickets for their music events they have all of that information available if needed. Dr. Azia asked how many tickets are expected to be sold. Mr. Bonavita stated that it's expected to be around 100-125 but it could vary. Dr. Azia also inquired as to how many police officers would be present at the event. Mr. Bonavita explained that he will meet with Officer Landis and give him all the information surrounding the event. Officer Landis will evaluate the plan and decide how many police officers will be needed. Ms. Brzoska stated that attendees need to stay in their vehicles otherwise it changes from a drive in event to an outdoor event which would limit attendance. Ms. Brzoska requested a copy of the plan along with how they will distribute alcohol and reiterated that attendees need to stay in their vehicles. Ms. Spencer has created a checklist to ensure compliance for outdoor events and will use the checklist while reviewing the plan. Mr. Bonavita will submit the plan to Ms. Spencer in the morning. Ms. Spencer will inform The Board of her decision. Dr. Azia motioned to allow the proposed drive in music performance at Westfield River Brewing Company pending the Health Directors approval based on the plan she receives from Mr. Bonavita. Ms. Brzoska seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows.

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

MS. SPENCER'S REPORT

There have been discussions about meeting protocols and Town Hall Access. Ms. Spencer helped put together a policy that was adopted by the Select Board at their last meeting. For the foreseeable future Town Hall access will continue to be limited to employees and elected or appointed officials. Meetings will continue to be held remotely. If there is an absolute necessity for meeting members to meet in person, attendance is limited to employees or elected or appointed officials and a provision will have to be put in place for remote public call in if that particular meeting requires it. The public will continue to have access to the lobby.

Ms. Spencer visited the former Brass Rail location for a pre-opening inspection. The proposed use for the location will be an outdoor banquet facility for the foreseeable future.

COVID-19 DISCUSSION

Ms. Spencer continues to answer questions regarding outdoor events, sports, performances, weddings, indoor events at reception halls, fitness centers, museums, road races, graduation, and school reopening.

Governor Baker issued a Travel Order in effect August 1, 2020. Ms. Spencer put together a policy for Town employees regarding the Travel Order.

Ms. Brzoska asked if testing is now available for individuals that do not have symptoms. Ms. Spencer said that the Agawam Junior High is a free testing site on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Dr. Johnson said that CVS in Southwick also has testing available. Appointments are necessary at both locations.

Dr. Johnson stated that we have 67 positive cases, approximately 1,000 people tested, and 3 people currently in isolation.

The Board discussed requirements for school opening, specifically the length of quarantine if there is a positive case. The Board of Health is an advisory to the schools.

Peter Courier asked about the State case counts as they seem to not have been updated as usual. There was discussion about the increase in positive cases in Massachusetts.

Dr. Azia asked if Ms. Brzoska has submitted Ms. Spencer's evaluation. Dr. Azia asked for the submitted evaluations to be given to all Board members for review.

Ms. Brzoska made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26. Dr. Azia seconded the motion.

Roll call vote is as follows:

Dr. Azia – yes

Ms. Brzoska – yes

The next scheduled meeting is August 20, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 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