



Town of Boxford

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

April 30, 2020

NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

6:00PM

Virtual Participation Only

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Present: Richard Fahrner, Richard Taylor, Heather Forand, Alex Constan, Kendell Longo, Lance Cluster, Susan Inman, Kristin Kwiatek, Alan Benson, Scott Novak, Jocelyn Demarco, Wendell Waters, Gerry Santelli, Tina de la Cruz, Kimberly Robertson, Giles Boucher, Chief Riter, Richard, Barbara, Char, Brianna.

Absent: Hans Jeppeson

Meeting opened at 6:00PM by D. Taylor

Roll call indicated that the following members of the Board of Health were present remotely: **D. Taylor, R. Fahrner, H. Forand, A. Constan.**

Announcements

D. Taylor announced that Board member **Hans Jeppesen** has not been present at the last few meetings due to being extremely busy running two clinics, participating in the operations at nursing homes, and doing tele medicine. Through an email from **H. Jeppesen** he has given great insight as to what is happening on the front lines.

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed from the April 20, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by **R. Fahrner** to accept the minutes, **seconded** by **H. Forand**. Approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Bills

D. Taylor reviewed with the Board the current bills payable. The Board of Health approved all bills payable unanimously with a roll call vote:

VNA Care: \$390.00 accepted unanimously

VNA Care: \$120.00 accepted unanimously

Federal Express: \$63.50 accepted unanimously

D. Taylor asked the board to give him permission to work with **K. Longo** to read through the Weston & Sampson 2021 Landfill monitoring contract to ensure nothing has been changed.

A motion was made by **R. Fahrner** to permit **D. Taylor** to review and authorize the contract without further review by the Board of Health, **seconded** by **H. Forand**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

COVID-19 Update and Discussion:

-Case Update

K. Longo advised the Board that the total number of cases are 27. There are 23 in recovery and 4 in isolation.

-Eviction/Real Estate Order

D. Taylor stated until this emergency is over people can not be evicted from their homes for any reason by landlords or banks. The Board does not want to see open houses. Showings are allowed with strict requirements. The order is available in the Health office and Selectmen's office.

-Face masks/Covering Order

D. Taylor read the drafted order aloud that was posted for everyone to read. **D. Taylor** stated that as he understood from Town Administrator Alan Benson that the Board of Selectmen unanimously supported the order and urged the Board of Health to pass such order. **D. Taylor** stated that if passed, the order would take effect May 01, 2020 and there would be signs notifying the public of the order upon entrances of every public and commercial business in Town.

D. Taylor stated that the audience viewing could question or comment on the drafted order:

-Resident Scott Novak questioned about putting a timeline on the order.

-Resident Gridley questioned about the enforcement of the order and had concern with calling the police for not wearing a mask.

-Resident Gerry Santelli requested a recommendation on wearing gloves in the Stores or Post Office.

-Resident Christina de le Cruz commented on having signs at her business for her out of town customers and posting on social media.

-Board Discussion on order

D. Taylor suggested stating in the order that the Board strongly recommends also wearing gloves. He also suggested that dispatchers in the Boxford Communication Center may be exempt from wearing face masks inside the center to ensure that it does not interfere with calls.

A. Constan stated that the risk of inappropriately wearing the gloves is just as high as not wearing them and is in agreement with the dispatchers not wearing masks inside the center.

H. Forand agreed with dispatchers not masked while inside the center in order to have clear communication. She stated she was in agreement as wearing gloves only as a recommendation.

R. Fahrner supported the dispatchers not wearing masks just in the dispatch room. He stated he has read many cases where it was recommended that the public does not wear gloves because of miss use.

R. Fahrner made a **motion** to accept the Emergency Order of the Board of Health requiring face coverings effective as of May 01, 2020 as amended to permit the Communication's officer to not wear a mask in the dispatch office, **seconded** by **H. Forand**.

Prior to the vote **D. Taylor** stated that he would work out the language of the communication center and call tonight's vote a preliminary vote and move up the effective date to Saturday May 02, 2020 and have a final vote tomorrow on the final document.

A roll call vote was taken and the order was **unanimously** approved.

Other Business:

R. Fahrner took a moment to thank **R. Taylor**, **K. Longo**, and **K. Kwiatek** for handling the volume emails and questions.

D. Taylor read aloud **H. Jeppesen's** email to the Board and audience.

Adjourn 7:05

With no further business, on a **motion** made by **A. Constan**, second by **R. Fahrner**, the Board of Health **voted** unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek
Minutes Secretary