



**Town of Boxford**

**Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health**

**May 20, 2020**

**NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY**

**6:00PM**

**Virtual Participation Only**

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**Present:** Richard Taylor, Richard Fahrner, Heather Forand, Alex Constan, Hans Jeppesen, Kendell Longo, Lance Cluster, Susan Inman, Kristin Kwiatek, Scott Novak, Jocelyn Demarco, Wendell Waters, Gridley.

**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, H. Jeppesen, A. Constan.**

**Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed from the April 30, 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:

JRM Recycling: \$3,564.55 accepted unanimously  
Waste Management Recycling: \$9,013.13 accepted unanimously  
Weston & Sampson Landfill monitoring and testing: \$2,270.00 accepted unanimously  
Waste Management Trash: \$53,011.16 accepted unanimously

### **COVID-19 Discussion/Actions**

**D. Taylor** advised the Board that the total number of cases are 35. There are 30 in recovery and 5 in isolation. There was a rumor of a death in Boxford. The Board is not aware of any deaths due to Covid-19 in Boxford.

**D. Taylor** posted for viewing the Reopening Massachusetts in Phases. He stated phase one began on Monday and a concern for Boxford is the recreation and outdoor guidelines. The fields and organized sports will not happen until phase two and there will be conditions placed. On May 25, 2020 the Stiles Pond Beach can begin to open. **D. Taylor** gave an overview prior to the discussion and read the 3 options aloud. 1) Open the beach with no restrictions. 2) The Board makes the decision to close the beach for the entire summer. 3) To open the beach under certain conditions that the Board sets with an accepted plan from the BAA. The Board listened to a brief statement from Scott Novak of the BAA. **D. Taylor** asked the Board members their opinion on whether or not to open the beach for the season. The Board discussed at length the drafted outline from **D. Taylor** that included questions to be answered.

A **motion** was made by **H. Jeppesen** to set the maximum to 100 people at one time on Stiles Beach, seconded by **A. Constan**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

The Board discussed social distancing and setting guidelines.

A **motion** was made by **A. Constan** for guidelines regarding social distancing that as long as families remain 12 feet apart facemasks are not required. **Seconded** by **H. Jeppesen**. Approved unanimously by a roll call vote. **D. Taylor** stated that the BAA will be asked to create signage and to make a plan for monitoring and enforcement. The Board agreed.

The Board discussed the snack bar. **A. Constan** spoke about wearing masks and stated that the BAA would suggest to the Board what would be appropriate for their employees as people approach the window. The Board agreed with the snack bar discussion. **A. Constan** mentioned the disinfecting playground and social distancing on the floating dock.

A **motion** was made by **A. Constan** that the Board of Health allows Stiles Pond Beach to reopen under the direction of the BAA contingent upon receiving and approving an operational plan from the BAA incorporating all requirements set forth by the Board of Health, **seconded** by **H. Forand**. Approved **unanimously** by a roll call vote.

### **VNA Contract**

**D. Taylor** provided the Board with a drafted version with changes to the VNA contract that is up for renewal. **D. Taylor** stated that with the Board's permission would like to negotiate with the VNA to receive information directly from the DPH if needed with regards to CDC reportable communicable diseases. After a discussion **D. Taylor** stated that he would make some changes for the Board's input.

### **Shredding Day**

**K. Longo** informed the Board that Karen Sheridan cancelled the upcoming shredding day due to social distancing but that Ellen Guerin still needs that service for Treasurer documents. **K. Longo** will request any June date at this time to accommodate Town Hall.

### **Beaver Permits**

The DPW spoke to **K. Longo** about Roberts Road that the backup was encroaching on a couple residences leaching fields. She asked them to put the issue in writing including the request and addresses which as of yet has not been provided. Chris Olbrot asked for the subject to be tabled to the next meeting.

### **Other Business:**

**K. Longo** asked the Board if pond testing should be done at this time. **D. Taylor** stated it was not necessary while the beaches are not open.

**A. Constan** asked **K. Longo** if the Summer camps have contacted her and whether or not they are going to open and possibly need guidance from the Board. **K. Longo** informed the board that Camp Rotary will not be opening this season and the other camps are waiting to hear from the DPH.

**H. Forand** stated that Board with reference to Stiles Pond Beach that the Board of Selectmen agreed to the cleanup of discarded fish hooks.

### **Adjourn 7:35pm**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek  
Minutes Secretary