

Town of Boxford

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

March 30, 2020

NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

6:30PM

**This meeting will be audio and video recorded
To View: FIOS #39; Comcast #22; BCATv website
UPDATED MEETING ID to Participate Virtually: <https://zoom.us/j/667102939>
Meeting ID: 667-102-939**

Present: Richard Fahrner, Richard Taylor, Heather Forand, Alex Constan, Public Health Director
Kendell Longo, Lance Cluster, Susan Inman, Charles Sandler, Dan Ottenheimer, Kristin
Kwiatek, Chief Jim Riter

Absent: Hans Jeppeson

Meeting opened at 6:30PM by R. Fahrner

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

Announcements and Minutes: R. Taylor provided updates and information on the following:

- **Trash Stickers Availability:** Trash stickers are available at both the East and West stores and Stonehouse Farm.
- **Tick Tubes Availability:** Tick tubes are available at both the East and West stores at \$43 per box.
- **DPH Trailer at the COA:** The Department of Public Health trailer has been moved to the parking lot of the Senior Center on Middleton Road to hold coolers full of perishables to be delivered to the town's senior population in need.
- **COA Shopping Expeditions:** The COA will be doing grocery shopping for seniors and those with chronic illnesses on Tuesdays. Call your grocery order in by Monday at 4PM to the Council on Aging at 978-887-3591. Donations can be made to the COVID-19 account on the Town's website. Donations of grocery items are still being accepted at the police station.

Bills: Public Health Director Kendell Longo presented the Board the current bills payable. The Board of Health approved all bills payable unanimously with a roll call vote:

- **Trash Contracted Services:** Waste Management: \$48,010.06
- **Construction Demo (cardboard, metal, bulk items):** JRM Recycling: \$2,085.15, approved by Karen Sheridan
- **Landfill Environmental Monitoring and Inspection:** Weston & Sampson: \$2,270.00
- **Trash Contracted Services:** Waste Management: \$6,452.26
- **Visiting Nurse:** Tracking Rocky Mountain Spotted Fevers: \$90
- **Visiting Nurse:** Two wellness clinics: \$240

Variances

- **40 Surrey Lane:** Variance for the soil absorption system from 150-foot setback to 104 feet. The Director of Public Health advised she had no issues with it. The engineer for the project, Dan Ottenheimer answered the few questions the Board members had. After a very brief discussion, the Board took the following action:

On a **MOTION** made by **Constan**, second by **Fahrner**, the Board of Health **VOTED** unanimously by roll call vote to approve the variance, conditional upon wetlands delineation confirmed by the Conservation Commission.

COVID-19 Update and Discussion: R. Taylor expects to have an update this week and will report at a later meeting. Chief Riter advised he is working with the Public Health Director and the Director of Senior Services and is in contact with them on a daily basis. The Public Health Director provided a brief update on PPE availability. A brief discussion ensued on the Masconomet students who had traveled abroad, and they have not yet gotten any information from Masconomet on them or their current health status. The Public Health Director will follow up with Masconomet administrators.

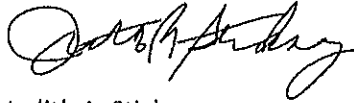
Any other business

- **Trash Stickers:** Trash stickers are available for purchase at both the East and West stores and Stonehouse Farm. However, the Board decided that there would be a holiday from the requirement of trash stickers through April 10th. If residents have them, they should still use them.
On a **MOTION** made by **Constan**, second by **Forand**, the Board of Health **VOTED** unanimously by roll call vote to extend the grace period for trash stickers until April 10th and prior to April 10th, the Board of Health will decide whether to extend that date, and will announce it on the town website.
- **Town Events:** A. Constan began a discussion on what to do about upcoming town events. He added that the Town Clerk requested the Board's guidance on whether the events should be held. One is Earth Day on May 2nd, and the Garden Club's Plant Sale on May 9th. After a brief discussion, the Board decided they do not have enough information yet on whether the events should be held.
- **Recycling Center Reopening:** R. Taylor began a discussion on whether they should reopen the Recycling Center. The Director of Public Health advised that many people are home and spending their time cleaning out. She recommended that the Recycling Center be open. They discussed an honor system for payment. R. Taylor will talk with Karen Sheridan about it and get back to the Board by email.
- **Ticks and Tick Tube Availability:** R. Taylor advised that tick tubes are available at the East and West stores. The Public Health Director advised listeners to call the store before going to buy tick tubes, or trash stickers, to confirm their open hours.

Adjourn

With no further business, on a **MOTION** made by **Constan**, second by **Fahrner**, the Board of Health **VOTED** unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn at 7:11PM.

Respectfully submitted via remote video posted online at:
<http://www.boxfordcabletv.com/dnn7>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith A. Stickney', written in a cursive style.

Judith A. Stickney
Minutes Secretary