

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
April 14, 2020  
Minutes  
Meeting Conducted on Zoom

**PRESENT**

Health Agent: Bruce Wilson, Jr.  
Chairperson: Vincent Forte, Jr.  
Vice Chairperson: Patricia Leclair  
Member: Kelly McGovern  
Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Forte called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**MINUTES**

Ms. Leclair made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2020 meeting, as submitted.  
Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

**CORONA VIRUS UPDATES**

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the COVID-19 virus and current number of cases in Town, as well as number of people that have recovered from the virus so far. Mr. Wilson informed everyone on the safety measures that they should be taking.

Mr. Wilson also informed everyone on the safety measures that local grocery stores have been taking, such as having customers only being able to navigate one way down the aisles in order to avoid face to face contact with other shoppers. Stores are also now limiting the number of people allowed in the establishment at one time.

Mr. Wilson told Board members that he spoke with a reporter from the Milford Daily News that is going to be featuring an article on PPE that is being littered in parking lots and not disposed of properly. Members from the Board of Health have been monitoring parking lots and fines will be imposed if people are caught disposing of their PPE on the ground.

More information will be updated as this virus continues to spread. Please check the Town website for news and updates as they become available.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP EVENT – APRIL 25TH**

This year will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day. Originally, the Clean-Up event was scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Due to the current pandemic and social distancing, this will not be an option.

Instead, Board members are asking that residents participate in a Clean-Up event from now until May 4<sup>th</sup>, in which residents pick up trash / litter on their own streets and sidewalks. T-Shirts were printed and if you call the office to let people know you will be participating and picking up trash on your street(s), share pictures with the office, etc. they will provide you with a complimentary Earth Day T-Shirt that are currently being printed. Some details are still being worked out and this discussion will continue at the next Board of Health meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**HEALTH AGENT UPDATES**

**NEW AND PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS**

Mr. Wilson discussed new and previous complaints that have come into the Board of Health office since the last meeting, held on April 7, 2020.

## **FOOD INSPECTIONS**

Food Inspector, Robert Griffin III, was present for this meeting and informed the Board that he has inspected the establishment that had a recent complaint on spoiled food being served. Mr. Griffin said he will be doing more inspections this coming week and will report back to the Board with any issues found.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **ESSENTIAL BUSINESS POLICY**

Many businesses have been inquiring on how to determine if they qualify as an Essential Business.

Mr. Forte advised that any business looking to be deemed as "Essential" should go to the State Website and complete the online Essential Business Designation Request form. The link to this form can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/essential-service-designation-request>

If they State approves them as an Essential Business, a copy of the approval will need to be submitted to the Board of Health before the business can open.

### **BACK UP PLAN FOR MILFORD HOSPITAL OVERVIEW**

Mr. Forte wanted to take a moment to discuss the possibility of a back up plan for Milford Hospital, should the number of local Covid-19 cases continue to grow. As of right now there are still enough beds at the Milford Hospital facility. Governor Baker has also opened more Field Hospitals, but the closest is still about half an hour away. Board members agreed this might be something to pursue in the near future but more information would be needed before anything can go forward with this idea.

This topic could be continued at a future meeting if the number of cases in Massachusetts continues to grow.

## **BILLS**

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$800.00 to Thredz Unlimited for printing of the Earth Day T-Shirts. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE**

### **PPE SALES**

Business owner, Keith Lambert was present for tonight's meeting to discuss his plan for selling Personal Protection Equipment in Town. Mr. Lambert current owns a store in Town that is considered a non-essential business. Therefore, he was inquiring about setting up a temporary stand in front of his current store, to sell PPE that he has in his warehouse. Mr. Lambert told Board members that he does have stands in 2 other Towns and sells the PPE at a very reasonable price. Town Planner and Zoning Compliance Office, James Kupfer asked Mr. Lambert about the traffic flow and parking constraints that could be an issue at this location. Mr. Lambert told Mr. Kupfer his plan for parking and traffic flow as well as location of where his pop-up tent would be set up. Building Commissioner, Tim Aicardi asked Mr. Lambert about his current business license he holds and if he would be applying for a new business license. Mr. Lambert said he would prefer to apply for a new license to keep the businesses separate. Mr. Aicardi agreed that would be in the best interest of the Town as well, in order to be able to enforce Regulations to this business separately.

Ms. McGovern requested that Mr. Wilson prepare a letter, stating that the Board is in approval of Mr. Lambert's request to sell PPE in Town. This letter can then be provided to the appropriate departments for review and approval. Mr. Lambert told the Board that he will contact the office first thing tomorrow morning to provide all information needed and start the procedure of applying for a new business license.

**APPLICATION FOR BETTERMENT LOAN**

An application for a Septic Betterment Loan for Mr. & Mrs. Rivet of 346 Theresa Road was provided to the Board for review. The income was verified and is within the limits needed to qualify for the Betterment Loan Program. However, this item was not on the agenda prior to the meeting and will be continued until the next meeting, to be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. McGovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tina M. Griffin*  
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**NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 21, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**