

BOARD OF HEALTH
May 12, 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

Ms. Leclair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

MINUTES

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2020 meeting, as submitted.
Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

CORONA VIRUS UPDATES

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the number of Corona virus cases in Town. Mr. Wilson told Board members that the statewide face covering order has been going well and that for the most part, people are wearing face coverings into businesses without having to be turned away.

Mr. Forte is concerned that when businesses start re-opening during Governor Baker's 4 Phase Plan, the number of positive cases may increase. Mr. Forte said that the percentage of people tested and number of positive cases will be used as a gauge to make sure the ratio does not start increasing when businesses reopen.

The Town currently holds a COVID-19 Live Local Emergency Meeting Update at 10:00 am Monday through Friday on the Local Government ABMI Channel. This broadcast is also replayed at 7:00 pm each night. Please check the Town website for news and updates as they become available.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLANS

PAWS AND CLAWS BUSINESS PLAN

The Business re-opening plan for Paws and Claws Pet Grooming was reviewed by the Board. The business owners will make sure that pets are taken by appointment only. Only three workers will be on site and the business will be closed to the public. Pet owners will arrive at the business for their scheduled appointment and call the business to let them know they have arrived. An employee, wearing gloves and a mask will come out to retrieve the pet from the customer. Between every pet being groomed the employee will sanitize their station and change their gloves.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the business re-opening plan of Paws and Claws Pet Grooming, effective immediately. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Kupfer will draft a letter tomorrow morning for the Board to sign.

OLD BUSINESS

EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP UPDATES

The Earth Day Clean-Up event is still going on and more volunteers are needed. Volunteers have been picking up trash / litter on streets and sending pictures to the Board.

Ms. McGovern reported that she has been out delivering the Limited Edition 50th Anniversary Earth Day T-Shirts to volunteers that provided pictures of litter they cleaned up.

Volunteers are still inquiring about the event as well as some students that need to complete community service hours. Ms. McGovern will continue to post about the need for more volunteers and will be in touch with the students that have reached out, now that the weather is starting to cooperate.

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 May 5, 2020. Most of the recent complaints have been due to Covid-19 and having tenant / landlord issues about what can be reported due to HIPAA Regulations.

FOOD INSPECTIONS

Food Inspector, Robert Griffin III, told the Board that due to the pandemic the software company is running about a week or two behind on setting up the account and shipping of the iPad. Mr. Griffin has been out doing inspections recently and just needs to get electronic signatures from a couple more managers to finalize the paper forms. Mr. Griffin reported that there have not been any critical violations found during these recent inspections. Once the new software is set up, Mr. Griffin will be able to complete food inspections electronically. This will automatically send information to all Board members each time an inspection is completed or if a critical violation has to be shown to Board members immediately.

BILLS

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$16,750.00 to FE Morse Enterprises, Inc. for septic system work being done at 121 Center Street for Mr. Shah. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McGovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin
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NEXT MEETING IS MAY 19, 2020 AT 7:00 PM