



Town of Mendon Board of Health Minutes for May 6, 2020

Andy Fiske - Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Alan Greenberg -Vice Chairman, Tom Fichtner - BOH Member, Missy Kakela-Boisvert, Sr. Administrative Assistant to BOH, Mark Bucchino – Emergency Management Director, Ellen Agro – Town Clerk

Location – Conference Call number 774-462-5991 Participates number 1233

Tom provided a statistical overview from the Mass DPH website. Some notations as follows:

- ~ 70,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases
- ~ 22,000 who have completed monitoring (no longer quarantined)
- ~ 9,800 individuals currently undergoing monitoring / under quarantine
- ~4,200 deaths reported
- 58% of the deaths are related to Long-Term Care facilities
- Currently, only 5% of cases are hospitalized
- The State has delivered ~ 8.5 million pieces of PPE to various organizations
- Currently, 24% of the Massachusetts workforce is unemployed
- As of 5/6/20, face coverings are required in public places where social distancing is not possible. This applies to both indoor & outdoor spaces.

Andy thanked Tom for the update.

Next, Alan spoke about how he is noticing while he is out and about people wearing face coverings when social distancing is not possible.

Next, Mark Bucchino spoke to how he was able to order PPE for Police and Fire. He was able to secure some for the Town Clerk Ellen Agro as well. Mark continues to participate on regular calls & is also working on reimbursement opportunities as well.

Next, Ellen Agro (Town Clerk) went over her plan with the Board of Health Members with regards to the upcoming Town Elections. She explained that there would only be so many voting booths & each booth would be cleaned down after a person voted. Residents will have to be six feet apart while waiting in line. She has ordered enough pens for each person & then the people can deposit the pen in a receptacle on their way out. Pens deposited in the receptacle will be sanitized. Poll workers will have gloves, masks, and face shields. Missy ordered some signage about social distancing and wearing face coverings. Tom commented on Ellen's overall plan as being very thorough but did note that gloves should not be considered a requirement, as they can pose more of an issue. Tom stated that if individuals feel more comfortable using them that's fine but it's not a recommendation. Missy provided support commentary to Tom's

statement as well & noted that a lot of people that are testing positive for COVID-19 are asymptomatic. In addition, Alan provided commentary & supported the idea of a separate voting booth for questionable people or people who cannot wear a face covering. The Board thanked Ellen for all her efforts to keep those who decide to vote in person as safe as possible.

Next, Missy informed the Board that she received an email with a complaint about CoParts on Cape Road. She will ask Lenny Izzo (BOH Health Agent) to follow up.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved October 7, 2020