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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING May 12, 2020 – MINUTES

Members Present: William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno

Others Present: Meegan Lancaster, Lorna Welch, Sam Low

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

APPOINTMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:

- **Proposed downtown safety additions for summer**
 - Goal is to keep people at a safe distance from each other – not sure how long the restaurants will be closed to dining in per the State orders.
 - Give people a place to enjoy their meals with more park benches in parks, trash cans, signage, sanitizer, etc.
- **Masks and other PPE – procurement**
 - We have a limited supply of sanitizer on hand for inspectors.
 - Do we want to seek out getting masks for the general public – coming over on the ferries/Cape Air? The Board is not adverse to the idea we just have to figure out how to distribute etc.
 - Mr. Zinno suggested getting the ferry services to put out information on how to get supplies. He felt that the ferry services did not have enough information online.
- **Re-opening of Golf courses**
 - Since the posting of the agenda golf courses are now allowed to be open.
 - Restaurants at golf courses are not allowed to open. Farm Neck has been inspected and they are ready to open when they get clearance from the State.
 - No cart rentals, no sharing of golf clubs.
- **James Glavin, Chairman of Aquinnah BOH – correspondence regarding 14 day quarantine**
 - Mr. Glavin felt this 14 day quarantine was not memorialized. Ms. Lancaster stated that there may be a misunderstanding. The 14 day quarantine is part of all of the other town's orders.
 - Mr. Zinno spoke with Mr. Glavin and the thought is that we need to have a plan for the upcoming influx of people coming to the island.

- Mr. White feels that we can plan and come up with policies but they could be moot depending on what the Governor's office comes up with. We should wait for those orders to come out and then make our local orders. Mr. Butterick agreed.
- Ms. Lancaster is hoping that we have answers by the end of this week for the majority of questions that have been raised.

AGENT / ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:

- **Other COVID updates**

- Ms. Lancaster stated that the Health Agents have been in weekly contact with the Steamship Authority for the past two months and have had conversations with them about potentially having signage and putting flyers on vehicles altering people about the specific situations on the island. We also suggested having an informational video play on a loop on the televisions but they said they do not have the capability to do that. We cannot mandate them to do anything because they have jurisdictional issues with the Coast Guard. This has been an ongoing concern for us. Mr. Zinno asked how we should proceed. Ms. Lancaster will contact them and ask them for their policy before we respond further. She will ask Maura about having a meeting for Tisbury and Oak Bluffs. She will also speak to Tom since he is commuting and get his take on it.
- We had a meeting about town meeting and the MVCMA Board has approved having it the Tabernacle on June 16th. Ms. Lancaster suggested the football field but the consensus was that we need to have a roof. Mr. White was surprised because he has had some MVCMA residents express that they do not want that to happen. Ms. Lancaster stated that we usually have between 200 and 300 people. Mr. Butterick stated that the Tabernacle can accommodate that amount of people easily with social distancing.
- Ms. Lancaster was contacted by the head of nursing at Windemere and they have a plan to test all of the residents and staff before the end of the month.
- Mr. Butterick asked about disinfecting in between rentals. Ms. Lancaster is expecting DPH to give specific guidelines as the time nears for allowing rentals.
- Sam Low asked about the minutes for the town meeting. Ms. Lancaster stated that the ones that have been completed and approved by the Board are on the website. If they are not on the website then they are not completed yet. He requested that we make that a priority. He stated that he was happy to hear the board discuss the ferries and day trippers. He didn't understand the part about the parks and park benches to serve food. Ms. Lancaster replied that Brian Packish created a draft proposal for various groups to provide seating in town for people to use since the restaurants can only do take-out. He asked about closing Circuit Ave for that purpose and Ms. Lancaster replied that has not been a discussion for the BOH yet.

Mr. Zinno made a motion to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant.