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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
May 19, 2020 – MINUTES**

**Members Present:** William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno

**Others Present:** Meegan Lancaster, Lorna Welch,

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

**APPOINTMENTS: None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **April 7, 2020** - Approved
- **April 14, 2020** - Approved
- **April 22, 2020** - Approved

**BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:**

- **Ratification of Final Return to Work Phase 2.0 Guidelines**

Ms. Lancaster stated that there are currently no material changes. The State revised their construction guidelines yesterday. They are requiring a Covid-19 officer except for sites with five or less workers. We are going to 10 workers so we need to incorporate this in our orders. Mr. Zinno made a motion to amend our order to coincide with the Governor's revised order regarding the requirement of a designated Covid-19 officer. All in favor.

**AGENT / ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:**

- **Update on guidance and orders from DPH and Governor Baker**

Ms. Lancaster had a phone conference with DPH yesterday morning. They will come out with guidance for unconfined open spaces later today. There is a four phase plan which starts today. She summarized each phase with the Board. It is basically allowing a slow opening. There is a template for any business to have their own plan in place and does not need to be submitted to BOH but be available upon request. They are also required to have additional signage. The BOH is responsible for enforcement which will be complaint driven. There was further discussion about recent complaints and enforcement and possible plans especially with Memorial Day weekend approaching. Ms. Lancaster is going speak with Chief Blake about help with enforcement. Mr. Butterick suggested reaching out to Aquinnah for possible help if they have time. Mr. Zinno has some points he would like to work on getting plans in place for ferries, etc.

- **Rollout of increased testing for Island**
  - **Island Healthcare Contact Tracing and work with CTC**

People will register ahead of time on IHC website then they will get confirmation of appointment. Then go to High School and provide proof of appointment at first stopping point. Then pull up to testing station. You will be given a self-administered nasal swab that will be supervised by a healthcare professional. Swabs will go into pre-labeled vials. Then drive to collection bin. Tests will go to lab twice a day. It will take 24 to 36 hours for results. Whole process should take 8 to 10 minutes. We are hoping to have 4 lanes but will start with 3. Testing will go from Memorial Day to Labor Day 6 days per week, closed on Sundays. Hours will probably be 9am - 12pm and 1pm – 4pm. The Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) and Russ Hartenstein have a good volunteer roster. Island EMS and paramedics are committing to help with staffing. There will be Red Cross volunteers also and we are thinking about staggered start dates for volunteers in order to help eliminate fatigue. Volunteers will be wearing close to full PPE and come July people will get worn out. We are working on a plan for a mass call for volunteers. We will be using an online portal where volunteers will be vetted. This will be a big undertaking. There will be 3 to 4 clinicians per shift, security and runners. Around 10 to 15 people needed per shift. We will administer 800 to 900 tests per week. Gillette is doing 200 per day. Testing will be prioritized and administered to essential and front line workers first.

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

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant.

Document(s): Martha's Vineyard Construction Guidelines – Rules for Getting Back to Work Phase 2