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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
July 7, 2020 – MINUTES**

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

**Others Present:** Meegan Lancaster, Lorna Welch, Todd Alexander, Richard Combra

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- July 2, 2020 – Misdated

**BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:**

- Harbor Operations – Todd Alexander

Mr. Zinno had spoken earlier with Mr. Alexander who explained the system on the harbor. The Governor's orders stated that there was no rafting and gave the harbormaster the ability to do whatever he needed to do within that boundary. Then on Saturday the new Governor's orders came out and eliminated rafting from the new order which Mr. Alexander stated would have been hard to enforce anyway. They also had a conversation about what they could do to inform the people coming in from their boats that they need to wear masks when they come to shore. Mr. Alexander stated that the launch is privately owned and that they are doing a great job. They are requiring anyone coming from the mooring onto the launch to have a mask on or they will not take them to shore. Mr. Alexander suggested adding more large banners for when people depart from the launch at the dinghy dock and feels that will take care of 95% of the issues. Mr. Combra stated that he can get more banners and they discussed possible locations and elevating some of the signs that are hard to see. Mr. Butterick stated that he saw a lot of people docked on the bulkhead and asked Mr. Alexander if there is anything we can do about them not wearing masks. Mr. Alexander replied that it is like they are at their home and can do what they choose to do but we can tell them as soon as they get off the boat they need to wear a mask.

Ms. Lancaster asked about the basketball courts and musicians wanting to use the Bandstand or parks. She commented that not more than 100 people are allowed at gatherings.

Consulting town counsel regarding mask requirement for downtown area. They are drafting something for Edgartown.

Fines for civil non-criminal - \$50, \$100, \$200

Mr. Zinno Designated area: runs from Tuckernuck along the Harbor to our market to Dukes County to Tony's to Pocasset Ave to Seaview Ave. Campgrounds could adopt if they want to. ML is including Harbor District and B1. Discussion followed about putting mask information at the information booth and adding to tourist maps that are given out on the ferries.

Ms. Lancaster would like to have messaging out by this weekend.

**AGENT / ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:**

- Testing Site Update

TZ has more signs for the testing and is putting them around town.

ML – capacity is ramping up. They have done 3182 (5 positives & 213 pending), still having trouble scheduling.

They will meet with IHC to troubleshoot

JB - Antigen test is more reliable (gold standard) which is what Quest is using.

Antibody test is not as reliable (limited utility)

TZ maybe we should have a policy or reach out to real estate agents for people coming to the island to get tested. ML stated a lot of vacationers have gone through the test site and employees coming from out of State.

ML will talk to Mary Breslauer regarding who she has reached out to regarding encouraging testing.

JB – was on Circuit Friday and Saturday during the day. Back Door Donuts is a problem. BW spoke to manager about getting a private police officer to manage the crowds and that it has to be handled.

ML had complaint about other restaurants on Circuit. Cuing for takeout is hard because they are going in different directions. They are supposed to be managing the lines where they would have to put markers on sidewalk which means they are blocking the sidewalk.

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

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant.