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**BOARD OF HEALTH EMERGENCY MEETING
July 14, 2020 – MINUTES**

Members Present: William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno

Others Present: Meegan Lancaster, Lorna Welch, Richard Combra, Aaron Wilson

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

APPOINTMENTS:

- **Chris Alley on behalf of Laura Rich – 0 Fitchburg Ave., Map 13 Parcel 22**
 - To reduce the required distance from the proposed sanitary disposal facility to several neighboring sanitary disposal facilities from 300' down to 25'± (nearest Assessor Parcel 13-21)

Ms. Lancaster stated that the Board received a letter in 2003 deeming the property unbuildable under Regulation 27-B. She recommended that we have Town Counsel look over these documents before voting on the variance request. Mr. Butterick made a motion to continue the hearing and refer the plan submission to Town Counsel for review. Roll call vote, all in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- June 30, 2020 - Postponed
- July 7, 2020 - Postponed

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:

- **Covid 19 ongoing management plan**

Ms. Lancaster stated that Chief Blake committed to 4 CSO's (Community Service Officers) to do enforcement in the downtown area. They will be meeting after this one to finalize these plans.

There was discussion on the mandatory mask requirement in the downtown area and what that area encompasses. Mr. White expressed the feedback he has been receiving in favor of this. Ms. Lancaster spoke about safety concerns in terms of enforcement and designating a specific area for this order.

Mr. Combra asked about where the signage will go and how many will be put up and stated that there are already 12 "mask zone" banners up in strategic areas. Mr. Zinno gave some suggestions and stated that he could go with him to determine the best spots.

- **Updates on downtown area – ferry service, outside dining, street closures**

Mr. White called the Island Queen, Hyline and the Patriot ferry lines. He reported that he spoke to each one and they all seemed to be on board with educating their customers regarding the potential mandatory mask requirement.

Ms. Lancaster stated the public nurses will be starting the public outreach on Monday and Friday in the Steamship and downtown areas.

The Board agreed to have a meeting on July 16, 2020 at 1:00 to vote on the mandatory mask requirement order. Ms. Lancaster stated that she will rewrite the draft of the order to include the new area and ask Chris Seidel to create a map so it will be clear and we can hand them out to businesses, etc.

Aaron Wilson from the Vineyard Gazette stated that he would get the story out in the right after it is voted on. He also stated that a story on the testing site will be coming out in this week's paper as well.

AGENT / ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:

- **Testing Site**

There were a couple more positive tests results this week. The testing numbers have increased. They have done almost 4200 tests so far.

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

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, BOH Administrator.