

**Town of Heath - Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2020
By conference call**

PRESENT on Conference Call: Betsy Kovacs-Chair of Board, Henry Godek, Susan Gruen, John Palmer, Armand Clavette.

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Sumner- BoH Clerk, Randy Crochier-FRCOG Regional Health Agent.

Absent: Gene Garland, ex officio Board of Health member.

Presiding: Betsy Kovacs, Chairman

Meeting was **called to order** at 5:30 pm by Betsy Kovacs.

1. Reviewed **minutes** of April 23, 2020 meeting.

Motion by Susan to accept minutes as written, seconded by John; Kovacs-Aye, Palmer- Aye, Gruen-Aye. Godek-Aye. Clavette- abstained as was not at this meeting.

2. **Chairman's report:** Betsy reviewed the following:

- MDPH has extended the stay at home order until May 18, 2020. Select Board voted to extend the closure of Town Hall offices, playgrounds and b-ball courts for same time period.
- Community Tracing Collaborative begins officially on May 1, 2020. A flyer with phone numbers has been posted in Town Hall and on Town website to urge people to answer the calls.
- Governor has appointed an advisory committee to work on reopening the State.
- MDPH and MAPHCO are working on guidance for how to conduct town meetings and voting. Also, guidance for flu clinics is being worked on.

3. **Nurse update:** No new update on Nurse. All seems fine. Susan noted continued concern for masks not being consistently worn in Town center, and also need for additional masks. BoH members suggested asking people to make more.

In looking to the fall and flu clinic both Shelia and Betsy will follow up with Claire on vaccine and plans for flu clinic. Concern is that there may be a need for additional vaccine this Fall.

4. **612 Route 8A:** Armand noted he saw the property and it does not appear that resident is staying at camper full-time. Randy and Mary reviewed the conversation they had and letter they drafted to owner asking for camper holding tank to be serviced. Reviewed and discussed timing.

Henry made a motion to approve sending the letter with deadline of May 30, 2020 for cleaning tank. Seconded by Armand. Mary, Randy and Betsy will approve letter.

Gruen- Aye, Clavette- Aye, Palmer-Aye, Godek- Aye, Kovacs- Aye

675 Route 8A/ 391 Route 8A/ 405 Route 8A: Betsy reviewed the e-mail she received from Assessor's Clerk noting the activity and possible occupants at these properties. Mary will review BoH files for septic records and forward information to Randy for review. For discussion at next BoH meeting.

3 Ledge Road: Review of Order to Correct is on May 6 agenda; will discuss concerns at that meeting.

5. Agents Report: Randy noted the CPHS is working on wording for a face covering Order for businesses and employees which will include messaging that can be put on doors as reminder of need to wear face coverings. Randy also noted the CDC is reviewing and updating death numbers and fears deaths may be higher than currently reported. Also noted more information coming out on pets (dogs) transmitting Covid-19, so to include pets in social distancing.

6. Covid- 19 issues:

- Betsy reviewed her concern for upcoming Annual Town Meeting and voting set for June. She believes the BoH should contact Select Board and initiate work on possible alternatives for voting and meeting while protecting the health and safety of voters. Randy offered various alternatives other towns are considering for managing these activities responsibly. These include absentee voting. For discussion at next meeting.
- 911- reverse call system: Ideas for message included reminding of necessity to keep up the good work, need to wear a face covering, info on CTC numbers, volunteers to make masks. calling 911 for emergencies and not to fear getting medical care, continuing social distancing. Betsy will draft and distribute to BoH members to edit.

Next meeting will be the BoH regular monthly meeting previously set for Wednesday May 6, 2020. Due to other meetings on that afternoon, the time for the BoH meeting is 5:30 pm.

Motion to **adjourn** at 6:19 pm made by Susan; seconded by John. All were in favor. Kovacs-Aye; Gruen-Aye; Palmer- Aye, Godek-Aye, Clavette- Aye.

Minutes for conference call meeting written by Mary Sumner, BoH Clerk.