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BOARD OF HEALTH

May 5, 2020

Members Present:

Matthew Gagner, Chairman

Kathleen Walker, Vice Chairman

Jon Sanborn, Member

Also Present:

James Philbrook-Health Director

- Chairman Matt Gagner called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- Matt started out by talking about statistics of COVID-19. Overall number of cases and deaths in Massachusetts have gone down.
- The Order for food workers to wear masks has been handed out. Also the governor has put an order in place that people going out in public and cannot maintain social distancing need to wear a mask as well. Jim Philbrook, Health Director confirmed that the businesses have posted flyers. Businesses should be responsible for enforcing this. There will be people that will not agree to do this and there is question as to how to police this. Kim and Jim will be out tomorrow just to remind people and observe how things are going. Jim says it seems that he is confident that the businesses in Charlton will be compliant.
- There has been some pressure to challenge the governor's orders and open businesses. Matt does not agree that we should defy the governor's orders. Vice Chairman Kathleen Walker and Member Jon Sanborn agree as well as Jim Philbrook.
- Discussion about Golf Courses being open. The Board does not see a problem with them being open as it should be possible for them to meet the social distance guidelines. Restaurants and bars should not be open, but people should be able to golf. The state is not in agreement. They are not allowing the golf courses to be open.
- Town meetings are also being discouraged by the state. It is not possible to follow social distance guidelines and less than 10 people meeting in a group.
- Matt mentioned that usually the Board Reorganizes just before an election. He wanted to see what the overall consensus was about reorganizing at this point. He would like the Board to think about it.
- Kathleen made motion to adjourn, Jon second all in favor 6:39 p.m.