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BOARD OF HEALTH

May 12, 2020

Members Present:

Matthew Gagner, Chairman
Kathleen Walker, Vice Chairman
Jon Sanborn, Member

Also Present:

Andrew Golas-Town Administrator
James Philbrook-Health Director

- Chairman Matt Gagner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Matt asked Jim Philbrook, Health Director to speak about COVID-19 and Town Meeting. Jim was on a call with DPH to discuss the topic. There is another meeting this Friday. We are looking for guidance on how do to this safely. The state would like to see consistency with all towns. We will not get phase 4 guidance until May 18th.
- Town Administrator, Andrew Golas mentioned that we have also put a plan in motion to get employees back into the Town Hall next week. Jim recommended that anybody that would enter the building for an appointment would have to have their temperature checked by Board of Health office staff.
- Jim gave an update on the mandatory mask order. He and Kim have been monitoring businesses around town. Going well for the most part.
- Social distancing and gathering still at 10 at this point inside a building. That could change on May 18th.
- Local businesses have come up with procedures to keep people 6 feet apart in lines.
- Grocery stores and other essential businesses have different social gathering rules. They are based on size of store as well.
- Jim has a meeting with Bay Path Vocational High School. They need to come up with a plan for students to get their belongings.
- Cases are being tacked and traced. Charlton Sewing has been working very hard making masks for the community.
- Kathleen, Vice Chairman spoke about a conspiracy theory involving contact tracing. She is concerned that this could be causing unnecessary fear for people. She read the bill and sees it as benign. She asked about contact tracing in Massachusetts. Jim explained that in

Charlton we are handling our own contact tracing and it is merely one call to make sure the person knows to quarantine for 14 days and we also add a personal touch asking them if they need anything and letting them know we are here for them.

- Resident Michael Gormley was in attendance to ask about youth softball season. Jim asked him to hold off until Monday to see what the Governor says before he gives him any guidance. The Board would like to help make these activities happen as long as we stay in compliance with the State guidelines.
- Kathleen made motion to adjourn, Jon second all in favor 6:40 p.m.

Matt Agos

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