

Board of Health Meeting
Minutes of December 9, 2020 4:30PM
ZOOM 7477067621 Gov Baker order 3/12/2020

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The meeting was called to order by Agent Poole at 4:30PM in conjunction to Gov. Baker's order dated 3/12/2020. Payroll thru 12/30/2020 was approved. Bills listed for payment were authorized by the Board.

Agent Report

A general discussion took place with note taken with the powers and practices of the BOH as a reference for new member C. Edwards. Chapter 28 of Mass. General Laws is the governing section for the appointment of the Board's authority with regards to public health and safety. Detail was provided to "local BOH" rules and regulations pertaining to the day to day office functions.

Covid19 update was provided to the Board with mention made to the manner in which the case count is determined. M. Lancaster detailed a summary of how Mass DPH can determine a growth of infections based upon recent results and the number of contacts related to each positive test. A majority of the recent uptick in positives was due to "social" gatherings and is not currently linked to work places.

Agent Poole detailed his involvement as a member of the All Island School Health Advisory committee where they are currently working to provide testing in the Island schools. There are efforts being made to return to some type of in person learning, but a protocol is necessary with regards to student tests.

At this time the meeting focused on the end of the year reports with a full review of FY2022 budget. A line by line discussion took place with mention made to the vacant position for food inspector. A portion of these funds, during the current FY are being used to support a Covid 19 compliance office shared with the Building Department. All budget items were leveled funded except a 2.5 % increase to social services which currently is providing funds for the Nursing Contact held by Island Health Care with a majority of the services associate with Covid 19. At this time a motion was made all in favor of the budget presented today. A meeting with FinCom will take place on Wednesday, January 20 at 3pm. The Board indicated at this time with the lack of in person meeting that HA Poole be authorized to sign permits issued for the 2021 year.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Anthony-Hathaway, Assistant

Approved on: 1/13/2021

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