

Edgartown Board of Health
Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2020
ZOOM Meeting # 86974562228 per Gov. Baker

E. Garrett Orazem, DMD

Meegan M. Lancaster

The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM. Agent Poole read the official notice for conducting the remote meeting. James Hagerty and Julia Tarka were also present via ZOOM.

Agent Poole provided update to the Board with regards to COVID-19 outlying the services conducted by IHC for contact tracing and reporting. The most recent bills (February & March) do not reflect large volume of time spent with Covid reporting which will change for the coming months. Agent Poole added he was made aware of funding thru Mass Health Officer's Association which will go towards Covid 19 expenses. Unfortunately the amount will not cover all of the additional expense and a transfer of funds will be necessary. After a review of the remaining department balances a motion was made and seconded unanimously to request funds from the remaining balance of the "food inspectors" line to the "social service" account for nursing service not covered by the \$ 10,000.00 COVID 19 grant.

Both Agent Poole and Assistant Hathaway sent written notice to request a transfer of unused vacation time remaining in FY2020 to FY2021. Member Lancaster motioned to approve with Garrett seconded unanimously.

Agent Poole briefed the Board of the on-going issues at # 27 Thirteenth St, N Map 11B, Lot 11 Grasing with reference to the repairs needed for the existing septic system. A plan was received and a contractor is in place to replace the failed septic pit with a new leaching field. Liens are on file with the Dukes Registry of Deeds for amounts spent by the Town over the last 12 months.

Agents Report

At this time agenda item listed for "Town Mask Use Regulation" was discussed by the Board. A "draft" of an emergency order was provided by Agent Poole to all of the BOH members. Gov Baker has issued a mask requirement when out in public there was a group of business owners who had contacted the office of the BOH stating the need for further enforcement by the local authorities especially within in the down town area. Agent Poole had discussed just this topic with Chief McNamee prior and it was made clear by the Chief this role for them would be difficult especially with the public views of policing across the nation at this time. Agent Poole added he did speak with the Nantucket BOH staff and they have endorsed a mask policy which included local enforcement with fines associated with non-compliance. The discussion continued with the area within the business district for the regulation and the signage needed as notice along with support necessary from all business owners with regards to "no mask no service." Mention was made to an "island" wide mask regulation whether you are six feet apart or not. Agent Poole stated there is a discussion among the Island' health agents who are also making decisions based upon the lack of mask use in popular areas especially around the waterfront where large groups of people are known to congregate. Member Lancaster suggested further review of the regulation was needed especially if all of the island towns will adopt and made a motion to continue the discussion until July 7th meeting date. The motion was seconded all in favor unanimously.

The Board discussed on-going COVID 19 conditions. Mention was made to public hearings needed via ZOOM and if all the BOH members were comfortable with this option.

Beach testing for the upcoming season was reviewed. A request to purchase a full year of use for the Food Code Pro for food inspections was discussed. A motion was made and duly seconded to authorize the purchase.

In conjunction with the office of the Building Inspector, Trevor Scanal was hired to assist both health and building with Covid 19 related inspections with funds from both departments to be used for his salary.

There being no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Anthony-Hathaway
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Approved on: 10/30/2020

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