

Westhampton Board of Health
Minutes to Remote Meeting of
April 27th, 2020. 10am

Present: Robby Armenti (RA), David Blakesley (DB), Tom Martin (TM), Mark Bushee (MB), Michael Kelsey (MK), John Kelsey (JK),

- 1) DB moves to approve minutes of April 21st, 2020 as written, RA seconds and the motion passes.
- 2) Board reviews letter written by engineer for KOA Jim Gracia (JG) on their new septic system which describes installation and progress towards completion of the septic system. TM notes that he spoke with JG with questions. JG doesn't know why Certificate of Compliance is held up and notes the DEP has all the correct paperwork to act. JG notes that this last paperwork is making its way to BOH. JK requests that Board issue permit to operate KOA until June 30 of 2020. DB moves to issue this permit and RA seconds. Board notes and MK and JK agree that operational permit is qualified by State Emergency order that prohibits seasonal camping at this time. JK and MK request the Board allow public outreach activities for KOA that is two part: the filling of propane tanks (with 50% discount to Westhampton Residents) and opening of the dump station for general public. DB moves to allow these two uses and the motion is seconded by RA. Discussion of the social benefits of this outreach. Motion passes unanimously.
- 3) MK and JK also request that the Board approve use of the campground for essential personnel and underserved populations and campers in time of State Emergency. JK explains that they have had requests for out of state nurses wanting to come in their campers for a 30-day contract with local health care facility. An engineer working on a pipeline has made a similar request. MK notes that this would be an improvement on folks who may be set up in a parking lot or driveway that are using the camper to isolate and reduce risk or to work locally. KOA would be an improvement on this situation. Discussion on how this service would look at KOA, the specifics of the proposed operation. Discussion on whether this is allowed under the emergency orders and guidelines issued by the State. MB notes that this question was posed to DPH pointedly and were told that this was not possible (only possible for motels, hotels and RV/trailer sites that house year-round.) Board sees some social benefit to the request. Board decides to take the question up with Emergency Operations Committee this evening to get that bodies take on the request.
- 4) MB notes that State grant funds to support Covid Response can be used to purchase masks. MB reports on Covid cases and follow ups and discussion of Maven flaws ensues. Discussion of 105 CMR 300.00 which regulates disease surveillance in the State.
- 5) Discussion on Foothills Health District Covid response
- 6) RA moves to adjourn at 11:54 and DB seconds with motion passing unanimously. Next meeting set for next Monday (May 4th).