

Westhampton Board of Health
Minutes to Meeting of
September 17th, 2020

Present: Robby Armenti (RA), David Blakesley (DB), Tom Martin (TM), Dolores Thornhill (DT), Dale Kasal (DK), Barbara Pelisier (BP), remotely Molly Butler (MB).

Call to order @ 1:05 pm and adjourned at 2:42 pm

- 1) RA moves to approve meeting minutes of September 10th, 2020 with TM seconding and the motion passing.
- 2) TM updates Board on school openings reporting that he observed first day of school opening at HRHS earlier in the day. Facial covering recommendations were very well observed (100%). Hand washing stations were set up and put into practice. Isolation area was nearly set up. Observed some instructors using face shields with side/neck coverings. Doors were open and ventilating the buildings. Windows in classrooms were generally not open. Students were being instructed inside (first period) and outside (second period). Teachers were observed teaching remotely from classrooms and when in the classrooms by themselves facial coverings were removed. Cafeteria employees were spaced and wearing facial coverings. No touching or hugging were observed. A general sense of excitement among staff and students was noted. Office employees were spaced and wearing facial coverings. Buses were mostly empty and facial coverings observed; however, window were not open and spacing was not always observed.
- 3) TM reports that information has been forwarded to Outlook farm about pick your own requirements prior apple festival this weekend. Also, that Fire Chief has been appraised of requirements associated with public gatherings prior to issuing permit for annual fireworks display in October by Bill Willard.
- 4) DT and DK before the Board to request use on Town Hall for pickleball activity. Board ask them to put together in writing protocols for use of the building surrounding this activity. Board to review this document.
- 5) BP before the Board to request taking up the issue of chemical drift into her property by agricultural activities on Stage Rd. BP described her experiences this year around spraying of crops in the fields surrounding her home and her requests made to the Agricultural Committee responsible for fielding complaints surrounding agricultural activities abutting residential living in our right to farm town. BP notes that notification of spraying occurred last year during the growing season but not this year. BP notes as well that she sees a conflict of interest in that the chair of the Agricultural Committee currently contracts for land use to the owner of Outlook Farm who is responsible for the spraying. BP describes respiratory problems associated with chemical drift into her home. BP requests the Board of Health take up a discussion of this issue based on her frustration with the process via the Agricultural Committee. Board discusses generally approaches for alleviating this problem.