

Westhampton Board of Health

Minutes to meeting of

October 15th, 2020.

Meeting brought to order at 1:09 and adjourned 3:10

Present: Robby Armenti (RA), Tom Martin (TM), Mark Bushee (MB), Dale Kasal (DK), John Plourd, HRHS Athletic Director (JP), Bill Brouddus, HRHS Associate Coach (BB), Sue Tracy, HRHS Cross Country Coach (ST), none present remotely.

- 1) RA moves to approve minutes of meeting on October 8th, 2020 with TM seconding and the motion passing.
- 2) JP before the Board responding to complaint about student athletes running abreast in groups without masks. JP notes framework of guidance that he is working with acknowledging that it does give LBOH the authority to deal with complaints and place additional requirements upon these student athletic activities. ST notes students are trying to comply with requirements placed upon them and assures the Board that progress is being made. JP expresses concern that Board may order these activities discontinued without fully understanding where the students, coaches, and school stands. Facial covering while competing and practicing are discussed in depth. State guidelines on Cross Country are discussed in depth. Board's expectation around facial covering are given. Unmasked outside and aerobic activity must maintain distance to 14 feet. ST explains that road safety makes this requirement problematic. Students are taught to group so that an athlete that suddenly has problems is recognized and not left behind. Competition guidelines for the sport are discussed. TM notes that he has received word that gymnastic coach and students were observed practicing indoors without mask and without distancing. Board notes that this is totally unacceptable. JP agrees and has been conducting spot checks. Board notes its concern that athletics activities could threaten the educational priority of school openings. Board advises Athletic Team to be forceful, timely and resolute in their educational coaching practices working with students. Board notes that it is the proper place for complaints to arise about lapses in safety guidelines.
- 3) DK before the Board about Pickleball in Town Hall. RA has a related document to be worked on and notes that this was promised to Selectboard by their next meeting. Board reviews email from David Blakeley after last week's meeting that indicates he no longer supports non-governmental activities in Town Hall at this time. RA notes the Board has already agreed to produce a document that recommends a three-week trial period for pickleball. TM notes that Selectboard indicated resumption could not begin before roofing work is completed on Town Hall in November. Board works on Framework of Trial period. When asked why play in Town Hall she explains that she is uncomfortable playing in spaces set up for tennis and pickleball because of the risk of exposure to diverse /school demographics and notes that Town Hall is empty and available and the play will be safe and not adversely affect others.
- 4) Board discusses specifics of Food Bank at the Church. TM notes that CARES money is available for food security. TM notes that Chris Wayne is working on this with Church leaders and that there are still some specifics and hurdles that need to be got over. First, they wanted to check to make sure that a self-serve operation would be okay from the Board's perspective. TM notes the obvious necessity of proper signage, limited hours, self-serve by one household at a time, daily

check of of perishable if available and daily cleaning operations. MB notes that he would be looking for Food Safe Certification from coordinator and temperature logging. RA moves that Board serve as monitor of expenditures related to Food Bank with the understanding that CARES funds could be used for this Food Security Item in Covid response.

- 5) RA notes that Selectboard has received email from the Board asking that Agricultural Commission meet again to go over complaint of chemical drift on Stage Road.