

## Westhampton Board of Health Meeting – Thursday, January 21, 2021

Attending: Robby Armenti (RA), David Blakesley(DB), Tom Martin, Chair (TM), Mark Bushee, Health Agent (MB) Guests: Stephanie Faas (SF), Steve Holt (SH), Shirl Morgan (SM)

Call to Order: 1:12 PM

### 1. Minutes

- RA moved to approve, TM seconded, approved unanimously.

### 2. School Update

- TM asks about double masking
- Introduces Stephanie Faas, Nurse Coordinator at HRSD
- TM notes that mask wearing at the schools has been “sloppy.” Would double masking help the situation.
- SF notes that research on the subject has been scarce.
- She feels that more secure fitting masks would be more proficient than two masks.
- She wonders if teachers could be provided with fitted K95 masks rather than have them wear two.
- There is some evidence that two layers may not work as well as a snug, well fitted mask with a charcoal layer.
- DB and RA agree that fit seems to be most important.

### 3. Sugar Shack

- SH is asking for guidance for their business before opening.
- Should they ask for reservations to keep numbers in line with state guidance? RA says it seems like the smart way to go.
- MB also thinks it would help with contact tracing.
- TM also believes the 25% capacity will be extended beyond 1/24.

- TM wonders if people could wait in cars while workers could take their reservations.
- SH, MB and Board discuss various solutions for space considerations.
- SH asked if fees could be reduced as his business is reduced.
- DB moves to reduce Sugar Shack fees by half to \$100. Seconded by TM, and approved unanimously.
- MB will inspect the Sugar Shack on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. COVID

- TM reports that there is one case in one household
- It was a difficult case of contact tracing, rescued by Connie by her sending a letter and getting a response that way.
- During the surge, Westhampton had a high of six cases in five households.

#### 5. Health Agent Report

- MB reports that he needed to reschedule the perk test at 41 Loudville Rd until next week due to snow.
- At 69 Northwest Rd, he left a letter giving the owner a list of inspectors. He feels the owner wants to do the right thing. It looks like he is in the process of cleaning the place out.
- DB wonders if MB can talk with Tom Quinlan about it as he might have more information as to whether or not someone has been there recently. MB said he will check.
- MB questions whether or not septic systems should be installed in the winter months. Can there be a bylaw?
- TM would like it to be discussed at the FHD meeting tomorrow to see if it should be town or district wide issue.

#### 6. Vaccinations

- RA reports on the HPHPC vaccination plans. TM was at the Zoom meeting, as well. Loren will send the registration and other information when it comes in and, meanwhile, information is coming in from DPH
- RA would like to have Vaccine Information posted to the Town Website when it comes in. DB agrees.

## 7. Budget

- TM reports that there is \$500 Board of Health Budget.
- DB noted that the HRMC Budget is due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and has an increase of \$16.
- DB set up the Budget Sheet and sent it to Cheryl.
- TM notes that the FHD will vote on their budget tomorrow.
- TM has arranged to go before the Finance Committee on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:45. He has asked that we should all try to be there (Zoom mtg.) All agreed.

Meeting adjourned 2:20 PM

Next Meeting Feb. 4. 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Robby Armenti