

Westhampton Board of Health  
Minutes to remote Meeting  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Present: Tom Martin (TM), David Blakesley (DB), Robbie Armenti (RA), Mark Bushee (MB) health agent and Cheryl Provost(CP) town administrator.

Called to Order at 10 am

- 1) MB reports on uptick in state requirements/suggestions for grocery stores. TM to inform Outlook Farm of these changes and to look in on the business. DB and TM report that they have been frequently been to the business in order to check that social distancing is being followed and that owner is taking precautions and thinking how best to structure customers and employee's response to covid19 conditions.
- 2) CP notes that Board of Health Computer and new secure town email for the Board of Health are in the works. TM notes these are base requirements for the Board of Health to gain access to MAVEN disease surveillance system that needs to be monitored during pandemic. TM notes currently through the Foothills Health District primary monitoring of the system is contracted out to the City of Northampton with MB serving as the secondary person with this responsibility. TM will be trained soon to be the back-up to Mark should it be required.
- 3) Pat Coffey before the Board to get sign off on a building permit to construct a living space above his garage at his home on NW road. MB reports that he has received a report from Mark Thompson about the septic system at this property outlining is condition and how it relates to the project proposed. Todd Alexander to do the construction of the additional room. TM notes that MB will able to handle the Board of Health's signatures for the building permit.
- 4) CP notes an EOC meeting tonight at 6pm for principles in the Covid 19 Response. Board of Health members are able to attend remotely but ask that TM speak for the Board of Health. CP to send out remote number to Board members.
- 5) CP ask TM to Judy Magnavitch at Pine Island Lake to respond to questions about short term rentals at the lake during state emergency.
- 6) DB relates questions for the Board about burials at the cemetery during state of emergency. DB notes that the cemetery caretaker does not have anything scheduled at this point but is looking for guidance from the Board. Discussion about closed burial services and possibility of holding "private" services just for family if kept to under 10 family members practicing appropriate social distancing. In times of grief such distancing is difficult between different family households. Board to search for guidance

and bring this before the Health District for some feedback comparison. Board to take this up again next Monday.