

Westhampton Board of Health
Minutes to Remote Meeting of
13 April 2020, 10 am

Present: Robby Armenti (RA), David Blakesley (DB), Tom Martin (TM), Cheryl Provost (CP)

- 1) RA moves to approve minutes of 4/6 /2020 and 3/30/2020 as written. Motion seconded by DB and passes unanimously.
- 2) CP reports that a laptop and email address will be ready by tomorrow for access to MAVEN.
- 3) DB moves that BOH prepare recommendation for the Selectboard to jointly approve the closing of playground area at the Westhampton Elementary School, the athletic fields at Hampshire Regional and the Westhampton Library grounds for the duration of State of Emergency. RA seconds the motion. Discussion follows about the benefits of putting in place this recommendation to prevent public gathering and giving police the authority to disperse impromptu gathers. TM to prepare this recommendation for the Board members to review before forwarding them to Selectboard for joint approval. Motion passes unanimously.
- 4) DB moves to prepare recommendations for the Selectboard for joint approval of State of Emergency requirements and suggestions for Cemetery Commission regarding burials at Westhampton Cemetery. RA seconds motion and discussion follow of the benefits of allowing burials but asking that memorial or funeral services be postponed until State of Emergency is lifted. It is noted that this action follows State guidelines for this activity. TM to prepare recommendations for Board members to review prior to forwarding to the Selectboard for joint approval. Motion passes unanimously.
- 5) Board discusses possibility of requesting PPE through State sources for use by First Responders. TM notes that BOH has no pressing need for such equipment that requests would likely draw from the same State resources that First Responders and medical teams draw upon. DB states that all requests for PPE should go through Westhampton's Emergency Coordinator. TM notes that the only possible use for such equipment would be to pass it on to Westhampton Residents that may be caring for a

household member who is required to isolate due to contracting Covid 19 but is not yet sick enough to require hospitalization

- 6) . The issue comes up as to how even these individuals would be identified and approached.
- 7) Discussion of wrap around services for residents who have contracted Covid 19 and are in isolation. Board still looking for State guidelines for these services.
- 8) Discussion of Grab and Go program of school lunches at HRHS. TM reports that he has been on site and their procedures are sound. Workers are wearing masks and practicing social distancing within the kitchen environment. The food pick up system is totally hands off. Requests for lunches and recording of lunches is by design very informal, with no written list of who is receiving lunches and no accounting of lunches within families. Families simply drive up and request a specific number of bag lunches and that is what they are given. Distancing is practiced here as well. Program is running at HRHS on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at the Dunphy school in Williamsburg on Mondays, Wed, and Fridays.