

**Board of Health Meeting  
September 16, 2020 4:30pm**

**Addendum to Meeting Notice regarding Remote Participation**

*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A, §18, and the Governor's March 23, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the West Newbury Board of Health will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.*

*Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town of West Newbury website, at [www.wnewbury.org](http://www.wnewbury.org). For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner:*

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WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF HEALTH  
381 Main Street, Annex Building  
West Newbury, MA  
Minutes  
September 16, 2020 at 4:30pm

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BOARD: Robert Janes-Chairman, Blake Seale-Member, Thomas Fahey-Member

HEALTH AGENT: Paul Sevigny

ADMIN ASSISTANT: Jane Krafton

Others: Diane Dardeno, Public Health Nurse.

**I. BUSINESS:**

- Reviewed minutes August 12, 2020. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Steele Landfill update. Health Agent said the gas trench project is complete and should come in under budget.

- Covid-19 updated. West Newbury is in good shape. Another announcement is due to be posted. Currently, positive case count is between 15-17 unsure of actual number due to college kids.
- Discussed fines for Covid-19 violations. Health agent met with Town Counsel, Police Chief, and Town Manager and all agreed that the best solution was not to adopt a fine fee schedule, but instead educate the public. State fines are already in place by Governor Baker and can be issued in town for violations regarding face coverings and gathering size. Board unanimously agreed with decision not to adopt a fee schedule.
- FY20 Town Report. Report was approved on August 12, 2020 at the Board of Health meeting. R. Janes signed report earlier today. Krafton will leave in Town truck for B. Seale and T. Fahey to sign sometime next week.
- Discussed school openings. Public Health Nurse Diane Dardeno has been hired by the school district to work with the school nurses. D. Dardeno and T. Fahey shared information regarding school policy on face covering and potential closings of schools should there be an outbreak.
  - T. Fahey made a motion for face covering education/enforcement within the West Newbury Schools 3-0-0 **APPROVED**
  - T. Fahey made a motion for Public Health Nurse and Health Agent to represent the Board of Health in the case that there needs to be an emergency school closure. 3-0-0 **APPROVED**

Both votes were unanimous. B. Seale expressed his confidence in both individuals to work with schools and requested that the Board of Health be kept informed on both of these items.

- Letter dated 8/27/20 from KP Law to Bruce Colby regarding Artichoke Reservoir and cattle. The fence that had been breached by the cattle has been repaired. Issues have been resolved prior to this meeting.
- Discussed Halloween Trick or Treat. Health Agent reported that the State recommendations are forthcoming.
- Krafton request time for September 24-28 vacation. **APPROVED 3-0-0**

## II. APPOINTMENTS:

- 4:45pm N.A.

## III. SEPTIC PLANS:

- **83 Ash Street**, Charles Spencer #20-14 Scanlan Engineering. **TABLED**

## IV. FYI: No Action Needed

- Future meetings TBD

R. Janes reminded everyone that G. Mello's extension to the trash/recycling contract will be expiring the end of June 2021. The process of introducing the "Cart Program" to the residents will be challenging due to the restrictions on public meetings during the pandemic. Krafton will contact Jason Mello and ask him to attend our meeting to begin discussions on the program. Ideas on how to reach residents include, Facebook, newspaper, residential mailing, News and Announcement through the Town's website and the COA News Letter.

Also, R. Janes wondering if the BOH should inform town employees of the mask policy in all Town Buildings passed by the Board on August 12, 2020. T. Fahey thinks that the Board has done its job and that the Selectmen and Town Manager should provide the information to town employees. B. Seale suggested that he would follow-up with a phone call to the Town Manager.

Public Health Nurse informed the Board that she has confirmed with CVS that the flu clinic scheduled on September 21, 2020 will begin on time with the forms that are needed. B. Seale thanked her for her hard work.

Next Meeting Scheduled for **TBD**  
381 Main Street, Annex Building West Newbury MA  
Meeting Adjourned 5:45pm