

Board of Health Meeting

October 20, 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.

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WEST NEWBURY BOARD OF HEALTH

West Newbury, MA

MINUTES

October 20, 2020 at 4:30pm

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

HEALTH AGENT: Paul Sevigny

ADMIN ASS'T: Jane Krafon

OTHERS: Rick Parker-Selectman, Jack Foley-President of W. Newbury Youth Sports League, Hathaway Whalen – Soccer Director of W. Newbury Youth Sports

R. Janes read the above statement from the Governor's office and called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

I. BUSINESS:

- Reviewed minutes September 16, 2020. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Steele Landfill update. Newly installed gas trench is working. New proposal signed today by R. Janes.
- Covid-19 update. Complaints were received by Health Agent P. Sevigny that there were flag football players in a game not wearing face covering. P. Sevigny contacted the Youth League Director Jack Foley and on Friday October 16th the Health Agent issued an "Order" to the West Newbury Youth League regarding mask wearing while on West Newbury's fields during a game. "Order" then was distributed by the West Newbury Youth League to the only family that had registered for a medical exemption regarding face coverings. Board member B. Seale questioned why it only went to that one family and not the whole league. B. Seale believes that by sending the order to just the one family it appears that the Health Agent was singling out those particular players, and wants to make sure that everyone understands that in fact that is not the Health Agent's intent. Foley also made it clear that he was not trying to hide anything. In addition to the State guidelines, T. Fahey believes it is in the Town's best interest to implement stricter local guidelines to protect the health and wellbeing of the general public. He also pointed out that by wearing a mask, it can help with slowing the spread of the virus. Board agreed the "Order" should require players, coaches, referees and spectators to wear face coverings and or maintaining a social distance of at least 6 feet. T. Fahey asked J. Foley and H. Whalen "what accommodations are in place for this family and others that may have a medical exemption?" Foley looking for the BOH for guidance. R. Janes uncomfortable with making any parameters for the sports league he feels that in fact should be the responsibility of the league, and suggests that J. Foley and colleagues meet and put together their accommodations and guidelines by working together. B. Seale called for a vote on existing "Order" to stand as is until amendments are made, and the Board will sign the "Youth and Adult Sports Facial Covering Order". Motion made by Seale, and R. Janes seconded, T. Fahey in favor. **APPROVED 3-0-0**

Board requested that that every member of the league receives a copy of the amended "Order". J. Foley requested that the "Youth and Adult Sports Facial Covering Order" be posted on the Town's Board of Health' webpage for parents to reference. Board agreed that it is a good idea to post.

- Signed FY20 Town Report. Krafton will submit to Town Manager.
- Discussed Halloween Trick or Treat, State Guidelines dated 9/24/20. The Board members understand there is concern from some residents that door-

to-door trick or treat could have the potential to spread the Covid-19 virus. At this point the Board will not be postponing or cancelling this holiday and it will take place like every other year. Police Chief Durand will be sending out a resident notice regarding house lights. Residents should shut off outside lights if they do not want door-to-door trick or treaters. Krafton will reach out to concern resident S. Taylor with information. **Attached** "Tips for a Safe and Healthy Halloween".

- 117 Indian Hill Street, extension request. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- Review Public Health Account expenditures. Health Agent said that it is possible for another round of funds coming to local government to assist with the health expenses due to the pandemic. He also said he had informed the Town Manager as well and that the Board of Health could consider requesting reserve fund transfer.

II. APPOINTMENTS:

- **4:45pm** Jason Mello – G. Mello Disposal. To discuss automated barrel program. **Rescheduled** for November 10th. Krafton to send out confirmation as soon as members check their calendar.

III. SEPTIC PLANS:

- **83 Ash Street**, Charles Spencer #20-14 Scanlan Engineering. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- **32 Archelaus Place**, William Kopaciewicz #20-18. **APPROVED 3-0-0**
- **44 Coffin Street-Lot 1**, Paul Cutter #20-19 Williams & Sparages **TABLED**

IV. FYI: No Action Needed

- N/A

R. Janes adjourned meeting at 6:25pm

Next Meeting Scheduled for November 10, 2020