

# **Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

## **April 14, 2020**

### **Teleconference: 7:00 PM**

Present: Board of Health members: Laura Nolan, Kylie Williams. Sean Fay was absent.  
Scott Moles, Health Director & Agent  
Lisa Deering, Health Department Clerk  
Mike Cassidy, Holliston Fire Chief and COVID-19 Incident Commander

Kylie Williams, BoH Chair opened the meeting.

Scott Moles, Health Director, read the Remote Participation Statement.

Scott Moles, Health Director shared the State COVID-19 update with the Board.

- 1,296 new cases in MA
- 28,183 total cases in MA
- 113 new deaths from COVID-19.
- In Holliston there were 2 additional cases of COVID-19 in town, bringing the total to 18 cases.
- PPE supplies – we have a supply of masks that have been shared to date with Cole Court, Mission Springs. Scott and Chief Cassidy are working together with this supply.
- The regional requests from the MRC has been for thermometers, which we do not have.

It was reported that MWMC (MetroWest Medical Center) in Framingham is being swamped with patients from long-term care facilities in the area. As patients arrive if they are determined DNR or DNI they are sent to MWMC in Natick and will not be put on ventilators.

Laura asked Mike about procedures in town for first responders. Mike explained that all calls are assumed to have COVID-19 present and so anyone on the call is in full PPE. They are being very cautious, and at this time no first responders in town, ie., police, fire or EMTs have been incapacitated due to a COVID event. The police are minimizing their interaction with patients. They have moved from 8 hour to 12 hour shifts and are screening at the beginning and end of every shift with a non-touch thermometer. EMTs with exposure to anyone who tests positive are given a symptom tracker.

Laura asked about the switch in sharing case account numbers in town since it was decided not to. The Select Board voted to share the number of case data being sure to not release any HIPPA information.

A discussion ensued regarding the role of the Board of Health, it's relation to the Select Board and the most productive manner of communication for sharing information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. It was decided that Scott or a member of the Board would be present, live or via phone, for each of the Select Board's meetings. Scott would then report back to the Board. Laura and Kylie would like a presence at all Select Board meetings and if Scott is unavailable then a Board member will attend.

Kylie Williams motioned to close the meeting at 7:38p.m. Laura Nolan seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:  
Lisa Deering

Approval Date: 4-28-20