



BOH MEETING MINUTES 03-09-2020

Attending

Joseph Tennyson, MD, Chair

Jim Griffin, Vice Chair

Robin Williams, Member

Also, in attendance: Director John Garside, Clerk Tina Nolin, Public Health Nurse Patty Moran, Assistant Sanitarian, Nick Corcoran

Meeting called to order 6:37 PM

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for February 3, 2020 meeting: Vice Chair Griffin motioned to approve, Member Williams seconded the motion, Board vote was 3-0 to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes.

New Business

- **Update and Discussion of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Director Garside updated the Board on the activities of the Health Department regarding the Coronavirus. He reported that the Department has been in touch with Fire, Police, the Mayor's office, emergency management, site plan, and the school administration office, as well as reaching out to our food establishments, private schools, and nursing homes regarding precautions and protocols. Also, the Department continues to update the website as new information is made available. The public is directed to the website for COVID-19 information via digital signage on Granger Blvd.

Chairman Tennyson reported while the COVID-19 situation is very fluid at this time, the state is still considered to be at low risk at this time and that there are no official notifications of any confirmed cases within the City. However, that will change most likely soon, and he recommends we begin to think about advising people regarding attending large gatherings. This is especially true for older citizens or those who are in any way immune-compromised or feeling sick themselves. The Chairman has also discussed the issue with the hospital's epidemiology professional, who agrees that the City needs to start moving in this direction.

Mayor Vigeant also spoke to let the Board know that he has increased custodial cleaning at the schools, hand sanitizing machines would be added on all floors and at the doors of City Hall.

Trish Pope, Director of the COA/Senior Center, was in attendance to discuss protocol regarding large scale events scheduled for the Senior Center starting with the St Patrick's Day luncheon this coming Wednesday as well as events coming up in the next few months. After much discussion, Chairman Tennyson motioned to hold the St. Patrick's Day luncheon provided all attendees are called and told to stay home if they were not feeling well (runny nose, cough, sore throat) and that they would receive a full refund. Likewise, if attendees are hesitant to attend and decide not to come, they should receive a full refund. Vice-Chair Griffin seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 to approve the motion.

Before moving to the next agenda item, Chairman Tennyson explained that policies going forward would be determined and reevaluated as the epidemiology changes, so the Board should revisit as new information comes out. If meetings are necessary before the regular monthly meeting to address such policy changes, the Board should be notified and a meeting set up.

- **Update and Discussion of Proposed City Zoning Ordinance Amendment that would allow the keeping of Poultry, Chicken, or Hens on lots not previously allowed due to lot size.**

After discussing the proposed changes and issues regarding the City Zoning Ordinance Amendment for keeping Poultry, Chickens, or Hens, the Board was not opposed to the proposed ordinance. Director Garside explained that the local Board of Health regulation states that a hearing must be held for each application for a permit to keep chickens; the Board does not want a hearing to be mandatory before getting a permit. Hearings should be reserved for variances or other unique requests and situations.

- **Bodyworks Regulations**

Member Williams motioned that further discussion of the Bodyworks regulations be tabled until a further date. Vice-chair Griffin seconded, Vote: 3-0 in favor of the motion.

ADJOURN

Vice-chair Griffin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM, Member Williams, Seconded, vote 3-0 to adjourn.

The next Board of Health meeting will be on Monday, April 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Joseph Tennyson

March 14, 2020

Dated

Cc: Board of Health Members
City Council
City Clerk
City of Marlborough Website