

**Wellfleet Board of Health
May 19, 2020, 10:30AM
Virtual Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Janet Drohan, Jed Foley, Nick Picariello,

Members Absent: Ken Granlund, Gary Locke

Others Present: Hillary Lemos, Health Agent; Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary

Meeting Called to order at 10:35AM

Covid-19 – update on the governor’s phased opening plan.

- The board began discussions on short term rentals, given the governors new phased opening schedule. Lemos asked if the board wanted a water test to come in with the application for short term rentals. Drohan stated concern for timing on getting those tests done. Lemos also suggested a title 5 inspection be done every three years. Occupancy is a big deal and that needs to be implemented immediately, the other issues can be phased in throughout time.
- A water test can be implemented in 2021. The board decided in order to have a short-term rental for 2020 the occupancy and correct address needs to be needs to be registered. The occupancy will be held to the number of bedrooms allowed by the septic system. The motivation to do this is that this will be crossed checked at the sticker shack. FOR a renter to receive a beach sticker for their stay the owner must have followed the above guidelines and rules that will be implemented by the board through a public hearing.
- Lemos discussed getting the paperwork together with all the suggestions by the next meeting on the 27th of May. Eldridge stated it needs to run in the newspaper for two consecutive weeks.
- Lemos will get paperwork to the board with some basic language so they can continue to discuss and hold their public hearing. O
- Lemos gave an update on the stay safer at home advisory. She stated it’s not enforceable just recommended. The face coverings are enforceable and mandated while in public settings there are many warnings and fines that follow the enforcement.
- There was a discussion of face masks on the beach, if you can maintain a social distance then there is no requirement for a face mask, however Lemos stated that if a safe distance can’t be maintained a face mask must be worn. Picariello expressed concern for people being dropped off at the beach, will there be people monitoring the amount of people coming onto the beach not just the cars in the parking lot. Lemos stated that at this point there isn’t a way to enforce that. The board members discussed getting them each a tag that states they are from the board of health from the Fire Chief.
- The board also expressed concern for the staff at the shack dealing with the public coming in and not being allowed to go to the beach because of the beach being at its full capacity.

- The message the Board of Health wants all the town residences and visitors to understand is that the guidelines that are being set are for everyone's safety. They continued to discuss monitoring of the beaches and how this will be done throughout the summer.
- Lemos will put together paperwork for the board to discuss at the next meeting and discuss changes and then post for a public hearing.
- Lemos updated that restaurants are still currently take out and curbside and can open with only those options

Meeting adjourned at 11:05AM

**no public documents were given at this meeting.*