

**Wellfleet Board of Health
Virtual Meeting
July 17, 2020; 10am
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Ken Granlund, Chair; Janet Drohan, Nick Picariello

Members Absent: Jed Foley, Gary Locke

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

Chair Granlund called the meeting to order at 10:01am and turned it over to Lemos

Discuss Selectboard Meeting ~ Regarding vehicles for hire at local beaches ~ Discussing regulations that could be implemented

- Lemos stated that at the previous night's selectboard meeting the board discussed the 4th of July, specifically Cahoon Hollow Beach. She stated there have been problems at this beach for many years but given the pandemic it is worse due to the social distancing and mask wearing.
- She also informed the board that busses full is that they are not included in the covid guidelines because the busses are considered public transportation. She stated that the board of health doesn't have any legal ability to interfere with busses doing drop offs.
- They can allow a certain number of people and are able to enforce that. Lemos informed the board that she and Suzanne Thomas have been working on figuring out the logistics of how to go about this process. They will base capacity on high tide. Lemos stated this is in their jurisdiction and they will be able to enforce this. She stated she is waiting for Thomas to get her the square footage of the beaches and they will begin implementing.
- She went on to discuss with the board the age ranges and how to help all age groups understand the importance of social distancing and mask wearing.
- The bus companies are willing to work with the town and agreed to not allowing people on the beaches when it hits full capacity.
- The board also discussed the issues of alcohol on the beach which they can't control but feel that once there is alcohol consumption, individuals are forgetting the masks and social distancing. The board continued to discuss how enforcement will be done and can this be affective.
- Chair Granlund stated that he is a hired vehicle and he has found that the town is hurting itself due to no parking. He stated he would like to come together with the Beachcomber to help with regulations. He also informed the board that the police are not always at the beach which makes it difficult to enforce parking and number of people being dropped off. He also stated that some people will say they are going onto the National Seashore and then stay on Cahoon Hollow Beach and there is no enforcement with that.

- The board continued to discuss car drop offs and lines of cars waiting to get onto the beach. The main concern for the board at this point is the safety of the residents and beach goers in Wellfleet.
- Lemos read a letter from the Cape Cod National Seashore stating that patrons needed to follow state and town of Wellfleet rules and regulations while at the beach, maintain 6-feet of distant; wear a mask, and beach blankets need to be 12-feet apart. She went on to read all the regulations for each beach in Wellfleet.
- There were no votes taken as Chair Granlund had to recuse himself as a hired vehicle driver. Lemos will move forward with Suzanne Thomas with requirements to the amount of people allowed at the beach and will be updating the board regularly with that information.

Topics for future meetings

- The board will continue to monitor this and see what Lemos and Thomas come up with.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am