

**Wellfleet Board of Health  
Virtual Meeting ~ Zoom  
Wednesday August 11, 2021; 5:30pm  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Ken Granlund, Chair; Janet Drohan, Nick Picariello, Gary Locke  
**Others Present:** Hillary Greenberg-Lemos, Health Agent; Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Charlie Sumner, Town Administrator; Claudia Cope-Crosen, Wellfleet Elementary School Nurse

Chair Granlund called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

**Covid-19 Update**

- Lemos began talking to the board about setting a mask mandate into place for the town. She explained that she has received calls and email from the public. She gave details of the surrounding towns with regard to their mask mandates indoor and outdoor. She gave details on how the state calculates the positive percentage rate. She stated Wellfleet is over 5% positivity rate with Covid Cases. She gave some details and stated that at this point there needs to be a mask mandate set into place and the Selectboard supported this decision.
- Lemos shared her screen with the Board what Truro had in place for a mask mandate. Picariello stated his concern for the beaches. He gave examples of all the people on the beaches using Cahoon Hollow Beach as a prime example. Lemos stated that she felt outside as long as social distancing could be maintained there would be no masks required if social distancing could be maintained then masks wouldn't be required. They went through the document stating what they needed to put into the place for Wellfleet. The Board discussed this mandate and the details of it at great length. It was stated that as of this meeting there were 39 current cases in Wellfleet with test results waiting to come in.
- The Board was very aware that this decision is a tough one to make. They discussed all the positive aspects of a mask mandate and the cons of putting one in place. This decision was not made lightly. The Board decided that the effective date for this mandate would be Friday August 13, 2021.
- The Board entertained comments from the public, Cope-Crosen the Wellfleet Elementary School nurse spoke to the board stating that she was concerned with masking in September. She gave some details on information to the Board and wanted to let the Board know what schools will look like in September. There were no other comments from the public audience.
- Lemos read mail that came into the Board of Health. There were a few letters of support and a few letters asking to have masks not be mandated. There were letters of concern for staff members that are not vaccinated. She read a few more letters from residents of Wellfleet.

- **A manager from the Pearl Restaurant spoke to the Board stating that it was very hard to have her staff require masking once the patrons sit down to eat. She was asking how they could follow through with this mandate? Would the Board help them, or did the Board have any suggestions to help enforce this mandate?**
- **Drohan moved; Picariello Seconded; and it was voted to put a mask mandate into place effective Friday August 13, 2021; per the discussion at the August 11, 2021, Board of Health Meeting.**  
**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**
- Lemos discussed an upcoming joint meeting with the Wastewater Committee and the Conservation Commission to begin discussions on updating the town's regulations, stating she has set up a doodle poll, so the Board is able to pick a day that best works for their schedules. She also showed the Board the tax insert that she is working on to put into the fall tax bills.
- The Board discussed meeting again in two weeks so that they could go over the Covid cases for the town. The Board will meet

#### **Minutes**

- July 14, 2021, ~ **Locke moved; Drohan seconded, and it was voted to approve the meeting minutes as printed.**  
**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

#### **New Business**

- There was no new business to discuss.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:33pm**