

**Wellfleet Board of Health
Virtual Meeting ~ Zoom
Wednesday August 18, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

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

Members Absent: Gary Locke

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

Hillary began the meeting with a Covid update for the town of Wellfleet. She stated that she is at a loss when it comes to the mask mandate and having the Labor Day Parade in Wellfleet.

Picariello stated he feels that the mask mandate needs to stay in effect for the safety of the residents of Wellfleet. He continued with his concern with having the parade on Labor Day.

Lemos stated when she is out and about around town, she feels that a majority of the people were not having issues wearing masks. Drohan gave some examples of people not wearing a mask and how it was addressed by the local businesses.

The Board questioned if the police department had any issues with masks and if restaurants were having mask issues.

The Board continued to discuss Covid cases throughout town, stating that there are businesses that do have covid cases. Lemos stated there is community spread at this time and some people who don't know where they contacted the virus.

Granlund stated that because Locke wasn't in attendance of the meeting, they were unable to vote to extend or to remove the mask mandate until Locke was in attendance.

The Board decided to meet the following Wednesday to discuss the Covid cases and decide at that meeting to either extend the mask mandate or to remove the mandate. Lemos explained to the board how the state decides on percentage rates for each town. The Board continued to discuss the importance and science of wearing a mask.

The Board will meet Wednesday August 25, 2021, at 5:30PM.

Lemos explained to the Board that the elementary school will be following the most recent guidelines stating that the students will wear masks inside the building and if possible, not be mandated to wear a mask while the students are outside.

**Granlund Moved; Picariello Seconded; and it was voted to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned 5:50pm**