

**Wellfleet Board of Health
Virtual Meeting ~ Zoom
Wednesday August 25, 2021; 5:30pm
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Ken Granlund, Chair; Janet Drohan, Nick Picariello, Gary Locke (joined 6:02pm)

Others Present: Hillary Greenberg-Lemos, Health Agent; Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Laura Henry, Wellfleet Chamber of Commerce; Helen Miranda Wilson, Member of the Wellfleet Selectboard

Granlund called the meeting to order 5:33pm

Lemos updated the Board that Wellfleet is at 3.5% positivity rate she stated this is mainly due to indoor events. She explained she felt the outside mask mandate could be dropped as there is no evidence that virus transmission is happening outside. The Board discussed this in detail and discussed specific situations with Lemos. She again stated the indoor mandate she felt is important to keep but was comfortable with lifting the outdoor mandate.

Lemos shared her screen and showed the current mandate that the board went over and decided what to keep in place and what to remove. Granlund asked Lemos if there were any letters or emails of complaints or in favor of a mask mandate. She explained there were a few emails, one of which was against the mandate and one to clarify a few things considering the mask mandate.

The Board went over all the cases in Barnstable County. They discussed with Henry the parade and did she have an expectation concerning the amount of people that would attend the parade.

The Board discussed outdoor events for 100 people or over.

Drohan Moved; Picariello Seconded; and it was voted based on transmission rates whenever outdoors in a public place including streets and sidewalks if physical distancing cannot be maintained as a result of the number of people present, it is strongly recommended that masks be utilized.

Wilson spoke to the Board with concerns of the parade taking place. She went into details of people testing positive with no symptoms. She expressed her concerns of children contracting the virus. She gave some details and thanked the Board for allowing her to speak to them.

Drohan addressed Wilson's concerns stating that the Board has no way to enforce the mandate Which explains why the Board has stated it "strongly recommends" mask wearing when unable to social distance outside, the inside mask mandate will remain in effect.

Picariello Moved; Locke Seconded; and it was voted to adjourn Meeting adjourned 6:20pm