

***Wellfleet Board of Health
Virtual Meeting ~ Zoom
Wednesday December 8, 2021; 5:30pm
Meeting Minutes***

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

Members Absent: Gary Locke

Others Present: Hillary Greenberg-Lemos, Health Agent; Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary, K.C. Clark, Wellfleet Resident.

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Chair Granlund called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Chair began apologizing to the board for his outburst at the previous joint meeting with the Selectboard.

Covid-19

- Lemos explained there were no variances on this agenda, but she wanted to update the board on the Covid cases in the town of Wellfleet. She gave statistics and percentage rates. There were three Wellfleet residents that came into Lemos' office, and they gave their opinions on mask wearing stating it wasn't healthy for children, it was unnecessary to be made to wear masks. The board discussed the issues that they pointed out and it was a lengthy discussion and a very informative discussion for both sides. The board gave their explanations of how and why they are trusting the tests that are being given for Covid. The three residents didn't agree with the masking and the testing giving their reasons as to why they didn't agree. The conversation lasted a while. Lemos gave some more details and statistics to the group. It was stated to the guests that the board appreciated their due diligence in researching their data and appreciated their respectfulness while explaining their thoughts. The board is committed to read materials on Covid and made the recommendation to at this time does not lift their mask mandate. Lemos stated it is important to value each other's opinion even though they aren't the same.
- K.C. Clark spoke to the board regarding the letter he sent to the board he stated he was in agreement with the guests that were in the office and wearing a mask doesn't feel healthy to him. He felt it is critical to have a choice to wear a mask and not be mandated to do so. Explaining there are many residents with a wide variety of health needs.
- Chair Granlund stated the covid testing that can be taken at home sometimes are not taken appropriately and don't report the results to the state.
- **Chair Granlund moved to remove the mask mandate. There was no second to the motion ~ Motion Fails**
- It was urged by the visitors to the board to read the documents that were sent by them that proves the masking works and doesn't cause harm.

*Approved April 13, 2022 *** a full recording of this meeting can be found on the town's website ****

Lemos updated the board that there was a meeting with the wastewater committee and MASS DEP to discuss the water shed permit. She urged members to continue to participate in these meetings, so the Board of health has some presence at the meetings.

Minutes

- November 17, 2021; joint meeting with the Wellfleet Selectboard
The minutes weren't vote on at this meeting due to not all members present.

**Chair Granlund Moved; Board Member Drohan Seconded; and it was voted to adjourn.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

Meeting adjourned 6:30pm