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**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 30, 2020**

**ATTENDEES: Joan Searl, RN, Chairwoman
Deborah Kadar-Hull, RN, Member
Michael Meagher, Member
Joseph Tevald, Interim Health Agent
Claire Walsh, RN, Public Health Nurse
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.**

Meeting Open: 5:25 PM

AGENDA:

First agenda item is Board reorganization. Searl made a motion to appoint Deborah Kadar-Hull to Chairwoman of the Board of Health, Meagher seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

Second on the agenda is health agent update. Joe told the Board that we are getting very busy with soil testing and septic system installations, specifically, at Ashcroft Terrace. There are 3 properties that need their systems replaced. The Board told Joe that they had concerns about him witnessing soil testing because he is not certified to do so. The Board stated that Joe was hired with the condition of taking the classes in the spring to obtain the soil evaluator certification. However, due to COVID those classes have been cancelled and the fall classes may be cancelled as well depending on COVID conditions by the fall. Searl told Joe that Title 5 regulations state that soil testing is to be witnessed by a certified soil evaluator and the Board can't risk any liability to the town. Searl made a motion to hire a certified soil evaluator per diem, Meagher seconded and it was a unanimous vote.

The Board asked Joe if he did a compliance inspection of Riverside Pizza after the complaint that we received. Joe said he did and they were following protocols wearing masks and gloves. Meagher asked how they are handling customers coming in to order or pick up food. Joe said they are not allowing customers to come in, their employees are now bringing food out to the customer's cars. Joe told the Board that he received a complaint about a possible failure of a septic system on Washington St. Joe said he conducted a site visit and spoke to the homeowner and he told the homeowner to have a Title 5 inspection done.

Third on the agenda is public health nurse update. Claire told the Board that as of last Monday we are at 11 positive cases in Groveland. Claire said 8 people have

recovered and 3 people are active with 3 houses under quarantine. Claire told the Board that so far, everyone has had mild cases and no one has had to be hospitalized. Searl asked Claire if she was doing follow-up calls and she said yes. Kadar-Hull asked Claire if she was also doing the contact tracing and Claire said as best she can, it's difficult because a lot of the people can't remember who they have been in contact with. Claire told the Board that she enters all this information into the MAVEN program, the contact tracing, clinical and diagnostic. Claire said that she understands that she needs to be more specific on the COVID time sheet because at some point the state will be asking for an accounting. The Board stated they would like Claire to do a separate time sheet with time spent on each case, phone calls, documentation and MAVEN. The Board said that they would like separate COVID time sheets for the health agent as well. Kadar-Hull and Searl said that they would like to be notified when the Selectmen meet to discuss COVID because at least one Board member would like to attend with the public health nurse.

Next on the agenda is COVID-19 discussion. The Board discussed areas in MA where there have been large COVID outbreaks, specifically, Walmart in Worcester. The Board stated they would think about COVID related supplies we may need to purchase.

The Board asked Lori to order 100 recycle bins. The Board asked Claire if we have received the thermometers that were ordered and Claire said we have not.

Last the Board reviewed meeting minutes for approval. Searl made a motion to approve meeting minutes of February 10, 2020, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was a unanimous vote. Searl made a motion to approve meeting minutes of March 23, 2020, Kadar-Hull seconded and it was voted 2-0, Meagher abstained, he was not present.

Meeting adjourned: 6:52 PM

Next Board of Health meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Meeting minutes transcribed by Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.