

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 6, 2020
Groveland Town Hall,
183 Main St, Groveland, MA 01834*

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Attendance: Chair Bill Dunn, Selectmen Kathy Kastrinelis, Bill O'Neil, and Mike Wood

Remote Participation: Selectman Ed Watson

Also Present: Denise Dembkoski, Finance Director

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place. This meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place without any public present, but we will make every effort to ensure the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time.

This meeting was broadcast live on Groveland Public Access, Channel 9, as well as through Zoom. The Zoom Meeting ID was: 319 896 107

Members of the public were asked to send written comments to ddembkoski@grovelandma.com or submit questions through the Zoom chat window.

Participants on the Zoom Meeting: Selectman Watson, Jason Naves, and Ren's iPhone

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:37pm.

- Discussion on the Town's handling of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
 - Any other concerns, policies, or protocols with regards to the Coronavirus

The Board met with the Public Health Nurse Claire Walsh.

Selectman O'Neil extended his profound gratitude to all first responders, Police Officers, Firefighters, doctors and nurses, for all their work and dedication being on the front line of this virus. He also recognized Denise Dembkoski, Finance Director, for her role in effortless work dealing with this crisis. She has been a real rock in the storm. He also asks everyone inside stores to show consideration to those outside waiting to get in.

Chair Dunn recognized that there is only one new case, but we will get through this. He asked Ms. Walsh if all the cases were still active. She stated she believes they are still active because there have been subsequent cases in the same houses, so some quarantine orders have been extended. She would like to thank everyone for doing what they have been doing to keep this at bay.

Ms. Dembkoski passed along that Joan Searl, Chair of the Board of Health, wanted to thank folks for following the stay-at-home order and for doing a good job social distancing.

Selectman Watson asked how many people have recovered. Ms. Walsh reiterated that most folks are still symptomatic because others in the house have tested positive.

Selectwoman Kastrinelis asked if folks have to be retested to get a negative result to prove they've recovered? Ms. Walsh stated that they observe the quarantine and then have to remain asymptomatic.

Ms. Dembkoski reminded folks that Whitestone Village is a private community and their property should not be used for recreational purposes. She also asked residents to not flush wipes down the toilet as they are clogging the sewer systems.

Nurse Walsh articulated the symptoms on the virus and they are mainly flu-like symptoms, chest pain, hard breathing, fever, headache, generalized body ache, congestion.

Selectman O'Neil asked Ms. Walsh about testing and herd immunity. She stated that she would like to think about that a bit more.

Nurse Walsh left the meeting at 5:03pm

Ms. Dembkoski recommended that the Board vote to reschedule the Annual Town Election to Monday, June 15, 2020, which was the recommendation of the Town Clerk. Selectwoman Kastrinelis recused herself from the discussion because she is on the ballot. Selectman O'Neil made a motion to reschedule the Annual Town Election to Monday, June 15, 2020. Seconded by Selectman Wood. Roll call vote, Wood – Yes, O'Neil – Yes, Dunn – Yes, Watson – Yes, Kastrinelis – Abstain. Motion passes 4-0-1.

Selectman Wood stated that if any affected families need anything to please reach out. Selectman O'Neil stated he will offer any assistance to anyone, as well.

Motion to adjourn at 5:08pm by Selectman Wood, Seconded by Selectman O'Neil – unanimously approved

*Respectfully submitted,
Denise M. Dembkoski*

**** Unanimously Approved on April 27, 2020 ****