



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn French, Dilip Jain, Swati Sane and Theresa Capobianco

TOWN: David Parenti - Fire Chief, John Coderre - Town Administrator, Dennis Costello - Interim Health Agent

The Board of Health met on Monday, May 4, 2020 via Zoom Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chairman Glenn French.

6:02 - Meeting Notes Review

Dilip Jain moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 4, 2020. Theresa Capobianco seconded this motion. All members in favor to approve the January 4, 2020 meeting minutes, as recorded.

Dilip Jain moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 14, 2020. Theresa Capobianco seconded this motion. All members in favor to approve the April 14, 2020 meeting minutes, as recorded.

6:06 - Emergency Order Requiring Masks or Facial Coverings in Public Places

John Coderre discussed the fact that prior to Governor Baker's May 1, 2020 order to require face coverings in public places, Northborough had already drafted their own order to advise these same practices. Mr. Coderre mentioned that this Board of Health meeting was scheduled so that an emergency order could be approved by the Board Members. Northborough's drafted order was very similar to the order that the Governor has put into place. Mr. Coderre mentioned that all along, the Town of Northborough has been advised to avoid having stricter guidelines than those put forth by the state. Mr. Coderre discussed the Northborough Police Department being the agents of enforcement for Governor Baker's order. Mr. Coderre reminded everyone that 911 is not for reporting people not wearing masks. The Town of Northborough will use this opportunity to educate the public on safe practices.

A brief discussion regarding Governor Baker's order continued.

6:26 - Introduction to Dennis Costello, Interim Health Agent

Mr. Coderre announced that Casey Mellin, the Health Agent for Northborough has separate from the Town for another position elsewhere. The interim Health Agent for Northborough is now Dennis Costello. Mr. Costello has covered various maternity leaves and transitions for Northborough for many years. Mr. Costello was introduced to the Board Members and shared that he is the part time Health Agent for the Town of Boylston and does septic inspections for the Town of Southborough. Mr. Costello also attends regional meetings regularly and will be able to maintain Northborough's presence at these meetings.

Mr. Coderre explained that Ann Labonte, Town Nurse, will still be handling the tracking and tracing for COVID-19 and is working closely with Chief Parenti and himself. Bill Fisher, a contracted Health Inspector will continue to be available for any food related issues that come up. Mr. Coderre reiterated that Northborough has sufficient coverage during this time.

6:33 - Reminder About Town Resources During COVID-19 Crisis

Mr. Coderre asked that if anyone in Northborough is having trouble finding food or needs help in some way, there are resources available. Please be sure to call the Town Administrator's office, the Senior Center, or Family/Youth Services so that the Town can help direct you to the proper assistance.

Mr. Coderre also mentioned that there will be a Q&A session regarding Northborough's response to COVID-19 on May 7 at 6:00 PM. If anyone has questions prior to this meeting, they can email their questions to covid@town.northborough.ma.us. Chief David Parenti mentioned that call volume to the Fire and Police Departments seems to be down - he encouraged people to reach out when help is needed.

6:39 - Designation of Northborough Police Department as Enforcement Agents of Facial Covering Order

Theresa Capobianco moved to designate Northborough Police Department as the enforcement agents of the May 1, 2020 Governor's Executive Order - regarding the wearing of facial coverings in certain public places - COVID-19 Order 31, the provisions of section 30 of chapter 111 of MGL, and all other enabling authorities to ratify and confirm that all officers of Northborough Police Department are authorized to enforce the order in accordance with its terms, including the issuance of civil penalty citations for violation. This motion was seconded by Swati Sane, all members approved.

Mr. Coderre referred the members of the community to the Town of Northborough's website for current info on the Town's response to COVID-19.

The motion to adjourn was at 6:42, by Chairman Glenn French. Dilip Jain seconded this motion, all members voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Holt