

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES**



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**TOWN OF SUTTON
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2020**

Meeting Location: Sutton Town Hall Zoom Meeting 856 3935 6482

Members Present: William Fredericks, Tammi Marois, Ken Malo, John Silverberg, Diane Miller

Staff Present: Cheryl Rawinski, Judy Bater, Steve Donatelli

Absent: None

Guest/s Present: Tammy Bourakis and Kyle Begosian. Mickey's Car Wash, Patrick Doherty, Midpoint.

Call to Order: William Fredericks opened the regular meeting of the Board of Health at 7:01 PM.

Local Upgrades/Variances: Well and Public Water:

Galaxy Pass – PVC Car Wash at 16 Galaxy Pass: Patrick Doherty representing the Car Wash. Proposing a non-potable well for the car wash equipment. A separate service from Wilkinsonville for the bathrooms. He met with Wilkinsonville Water in regards to their concerns about PFAS and their engineer was satisfied that the chemicals they were concerned with are not present. Concerns over the irrigation well that was installed without a permit. He received the water quality report and emailed it to Judy. Steve Donatelli reviewed the plan and approved the location of the non-potable well. That is the only piece Steve has looked into and he has no issues with the location of the non-potable. Judy stated that she received the water results and the water results are fine for the irrigation well. Judy stated that she will issue a well permit if the Board approves it.

MOTION: Ken made a motion to approve the irrigation well. 2nd by John Silverberg. All in favour. Approved.

Local Upgrades Approved/Review Only – Approved by Steve Donatelli:

19 Westview 87' to own well.

470 Boston Road 4' to 3' separation to ground water

371 Central Turnpike 4' to 3' separation to ground water

4 Torrey Road 4' to 3' separation to ground water

Department Update: COVID-19: Cheryl said it has been a very busy couple of months. As of today Sutton has 51 cases. She has school nurses working with her at the middle school nurse's offices. She handles over 14 towns. High incidence of cases of people under 40. A lot of pediatric cases. Hospitalizations are consistent. Virus is serious. Not sure when the end will be. Expecting another surge in the fall with the anticipated flu season. Posted signs in the establishments in regards to social distancing and masks. Cheryl and Judy both monitor and listen to many webinars. Businesses need to self-certify how they plan on opening with 25% capacity. This includes town hall which has been closed. Judy and I have been in the office. Septic's/wells and other BOH business is still being conducted. Explaining guidance to businesses which changes overnight. This has been extremely time consuming. Campgrounds, dog-grooming, golf, church guidance has been evolving. Guidance is being posted on line. Tobacco has been shifted to the Leominster coalition and they will be conducting our compliance checks. Complaints about the ponds and a film that smells and questioning whether or not this is a toxic algae bloom. Cheryl felt it was just a film from pollen and not a full bloom. A new pizza place is opening at Galaxy Pass. The bee hive has been demolished. Cheryl has worked with the Attorney General's office to accomplish this. The next round of phase reopening is camps and Camp Blanchard has reached out to Jim Smith and she is not sure how this will be arranged. We will see what we can do. As of June 1st, new tobacco regulations. No more menthol as of June 1st. When she passed out posters for signage she mentioned this to all of her retailers and they were all well aware. She revalidated her Medicare number and that was a lengthy process. The fee was waived due to the Covid Pandemic. Cheryl is working 12 to 14 hours a day, 7 days a week. Bill asked about the specific symptoms of kids with Covid. Cheryl stated that most of the kids are asymptomatic, but, coming down with rashes. The kids are being tested when the parents are effected. Many companies are requiring two negative tests to go back to work and we are strongly advising against that as people tend to test positive for months after yet are no longer infectious. The long term care facilities are all being tested by National Guard and we have had a lot of deaths in many facilities across the commonwealth. Significant rise in numbers in these types of facilities. Tammi asked about how she is notified. She said first its two steps. First, when a person is symptomatic when they are tested the results go to the department of public health and that is how she is notified. Then she contacts the case and asks a series of questions including where they work as that needs to be investigated. The infected person is isolated and the household members are quarantined for 14 days regardless of a negative test. She calls them at day 7 and day 14 and sometimes at day 21. Bill asked if we get calls from residents that I saw more than 10 people next door. Cheryl stated yes. We are the mask police, the social distancing police. We are trying to educate. Cheryl authorized the police to act for the BOH. Ken asked what is the process when someone does not abide by the rules like in Oxford. Bill stated it is a multi-step process. Cheryl said we hope we can educate and not have to go in that direction. Cheryl was hoping the warmer weather would reduce Covid, however, that is not happening. Cheryl stated many businesses call for guidance and everyone wants to do the right thing. The State has been inconsistent with guidance and that has been quite challenging. Diane asked if any timeframe of the town hall opening. Currently, all businesses must self-certify and she is working with Jim on guidance as all businesses are at 25% capacity. Looking at early June. Judy is placing a bin outside for people to receive permits and sign documents and pick up paperwork. Tammi asked any sense on guidance from schools. Cheryl said schools are a huge issue. Cheryl is working at the schools every day. Many details are involved and many

people are apprehensive, cleaning/comfort level /busing/temperature checks are all issues. A lot of the guidance has not been released yet so it is a lot of discussion right now and she is working with several school districts and summer care is going to try to get started with temperature checks upon entering and no adults in the school. Must pick up on time. If a child gets sick, the child will have to be picked up within 30 minutes.

Approve Minutes: Tabled

Other Business Not Anticipated: Cheryl stated she and Judy are 24/7 Covid right now. She has ordered more than usual flu vaccine anticipating an uptick in people wanting to get a flu shot.

Tammi asked are there things Cheryl needs to do that she is not doing. Cheryl said restaurants are closed, therefore, no inspections. The flu vaccine was already ordered and she ordered extra vaccine this year. She is squeezing things in. Many telephone calls regarding guidance.

Bill stated he typically goes to Maine and the policy was that he was going to have to rent for the month and stay inside for the first 14 days. Cheryl stated yes, that is typical guidance and then when you come back, you have to quarantine for another 14 days at home.

Old/New Business:

Review Fee Schedule: Tabled


Review Well Regulations: Tabled

Review Supplemental Title 5 Regulations: Tabled.

Next Meeting: June 23, 2020

Motion to Adjourn at 7:50 PM: Ken Malo - Seconded Diane Miller - Unanimous - Approved.

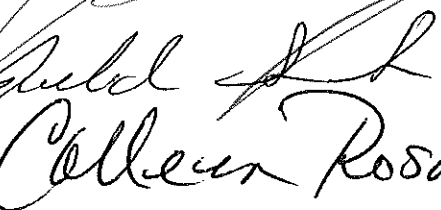
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