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Town of Carver, Board of Health

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Board of Health meeting minutes for March 17, 2020, Carver Town Hall, Meeting Room 3

Attendees: Arthur Borden, Chairman; Eric Mueller, Member; Barry Callis, Member

Also Present: Kevin Forgue, Health Agent, Michael Milanoski, Town Administrator

Absent:

Meeting called to order, by Mr. Borden, at 5:00 PM

Mr. Borden read the notice regarding closures was read, for the record.

Covid-19 Update:

Kevin Forgue – There is a lot going on with changes daily. There was a 3:00 meeting with all public safety personnel. We discussed the cleaning schedule. The schools have been cleaned and sanitized. They will maintain that. They aren't scheduled to come back until May. The Town Hall has been sanitized and cleaned. There was discussion as to how the Town Hall can move forward with procedures. It appears as if the Town Hall will continue to be closed to the public. There are 197 positive cases in Massachusetts. A large % revolve around the Biogenic convention. They are talking about more testing with the ability of 200 tests per day. As the CDC releases new requirement, and you are a-symptomatic for 3 days, you would be able to be released at that point. As I receive more information, I will let you know. We are here to reinforce social distancing. At the beginning of the call, the number was no greater than 25 people. An hour later it was reduced to no more than 10 people. They are continuing to suggest that those with symptoms should ride out the virus at home unless it becomes severe. They are aware of the supply issues and they are working on getting more supplies to where they are needed. I can reach out to people if we need to gain access to certain supplies. There are a lot of good publications through DPH and CDC. We will continue to provide that information on our website. We currently have a link directly to the DPH, which is updated daily. This is very dynamic with constant changes. One of the publications, re: confirmed cases. They list each county with confirmed cases, gender and exposure. The emphasis is the social distancing. No more than 10 people, 6' distance, etc. No one really knows if the change of temperature will have an impact on this.

This will probably be with us three or more weeks. I think this meeting was important to keep the dialogue moving. Mr. Callis – Do we have enough supply on hand to last through June? Mr. Forgue – From what I understand, O&M has enough inventory.

Mr. Milanoski – To clarify, they have taken inventory. By limiting access they can be strategic with the existing supplies. We will be asking the BOS to support limiting public access to the town buildings. This will allow us to keep staff safe and to sanitize the building. Priorities for supplies can be put where they need to be put to make sure they last during this emergency. We are preparing for longer than 3 weeks. After Staff, our next priority is operational (i.e. supplies). We are proposing that Town Hall would be open on Tuesdays only from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. This would be handled with social distancing in mind. There will be things done remotely, when possible. We will not be accepting cash for services requiring payment. We are not going to be selling dump stickers at this time. This is an evolving process. Things change hourly. The schools and buildings are closed. Meals on wheels will be continuing, GATRA will be continuing for medical appts with one trip to Shaw's per week. Your job is to look out for the health of the community. We are looking to do a daily news release (Elaine Weston will be working on this).

Mr. Milanoski – We will be discussing postponing Town Meeting and Elections at tonight's meeting. Tom Walsh will be at the meeting tonight to reassure public safety. They currently have enough supplies. Mr. Callis – The communication from Elaine, will that be on the website? Mr. Milanoski – We will start there and maybe include Social Media. We want everyone to receive the same message. Mr. Callis – I appreciate all the work going into this. Mr. Milanoski – There will be times that we will encourage employees to work at home. Sometimes they will come in to handle office work. This will be monitored in each department. Mr. Forgue – Tomorrow, we as a department will figure out what is essential to be done in the office and what can be done remotely. We will restart the permitting process next week. If the lobby is going to be the central point, I made a suggestion that we have a service door for only employees. They will have access to a full set of key cards that will be distributed tomorrow. Mr. Milanoski – Should there be an emergency, outside of Town Hall hours, employees will have remote access to email to deal with that. I would like Kevin to attend the Select Board Meeting tonight. Mr. Borden – You've taken the steps necessary to keep people distant which keeping limited town function.

Discussion & Possible vote on the following:

- Update on 26 Montello Street complaint –
Mr. Forgue – At the last meeting I presented a letter submitted to the owner of 26 Montello. This was a reminder with the complaint on the property. The owner of the property instructed the tenants to address the issues. I visited the site with one of our officers. They have done a lot of cleanup. What is left is not a health hazard. I did let the person know that filed the complaint that I am satisfied with what has been done.
- Update on Silva Street abandoned/unregistered vehicles –

Mr. Forgue – This is being handled by the building commissioner. It is a zoning violation with the number of vehicles on the property. He is making a consistent effort to talk with the property owner, with no success. He may need to reach out to town council.

- Information / update meeting held on March 12, 2020 regarding the North Carver Landfill

Mr. Forgue – The contaminate of concern is 1,4 dioxane. There were many people there, including Member Mueller, Bruce and Luke. When the landfill closed down, the clean-up that was done was done through an extraction system. We are going forward with extending the water line. One phase is extending up Plymouth Street, with the likely hood of extending up Captain Perkins and Hines Ave.

I think the meeting went very well. People are seeing an end in sight due to the waterline extension. Mr. Borden – We have a contract for design of extension, do we know when they will be ready? Mr. Forgue – I believe they were going to be able to complete this within a 4-month period. This includes field work, filing, permitting and design.

- Review of proposed Nuisance Regulation from Town Council (if received prior to the meeting).
Nothing new tonight. We have not received feedback yet. I am hopeful to have it at the next meeting.
- Discuss letter from King Richard's Faire
Mr. Forgue – They requested to be allowed to replace their trailer units with port-o-john units. They feel trailer units are obsolete and require too much maintenance. We asked for some information on quantity and contract information. Mr. Forgue distributed the letter to the members for review. They mention that they have a staff member available at the handwashing station(s). Mr. Mueller – Were they able to supply a rough daily headcount? Mr. Forgue – I can get a number from them; it should be the highest number anticipated and we can go from there. If it's not sufficient, we can address that. It seems like a long ways away but they really need to plan in advance.

Motion to authorize Mr. Forgue to review the proposal from King Richards Faire to replace their trailer units with Port-O-Johns and authorize him to provide the required number of units: Mr. Borden

Second: Mr. Callis

Approved: Unanimous (3-0)

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Mr. Borden - We are in the 2nd year of the 3-year cycle. We attended a meeting with Plymouth County Mosquito. It is anticipated to be worse than last year; it's a cycle. Last year, it escalated so quickly. The protocol will enable us to be labeled high risk right away due to how we ended last year. It is only fair to let the schools and rec department know. There will be no spray to play program; we just won't be able to do it. Mr. Forgue – If they are aware, they can start planning accordingly. I can prepare a letter and have the Board sign it at the next meeting. If need be, I can prepare and have you review and individually sign it prior to the next meeting. The sooner we address, the better. Mr. Mueller – Are

there any preemptive measures? Mr. Borden – They did talk about aerial spraying. There are a lot of people involved in those decisions. Mr. Forgue - They have new equipment with a larger spray radius.

Other Business:

Minutes – February 18, 2020

Mr. Callis – The calculations for the number of handicapped accessible units are different from what we have tonight. Mr. Forgue – Those are something that Eric gave me. I will be getting a max capacity which may change those numbers.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for February 18, 2020, as written: Mr. Mueller

Second: Mr. Callis

Approved: Unanimous (3-0)

Correspondence:

Next meeting date:

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.□

Mr. Borden - Please follow the advice of the state DPH, CDC and our local people. Limit contact and distance. Be safe.

Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn 6:01 at PM: Mr. Mueller

Second: Mr. Callis

Approved: □ Unanimous (3-0)