

TOWN OF CARVER

Board of Health Carver, MA 02330

Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2020 @ 5:00 PM Carver Town Hall Room #1

Present: Eric Mueller; Chairman, Members; Arthur Borden and Barry Callis Also present: Kevin Forgue, Health Agent and Recording Secretary, Kelly Dicarli

Meeting Opened: 5:00 P.M.

I. **Public Comment:**

A. Richard Ward, 20 West Street was present to voice his concern regarding lack of flu shots at CVS and his Primary Care Physician's office. Mr. Ward asked Kevin Forgue if the Board of Health (BOH) will they sponsor flu shots this year at library by the VNA as in the past. Kevin Forgue noted the VNA has decreased the number of towns providing flu shots, Kevin Forgue will ask the nurses from Atlantic Hill Nurses that's assisting the BOH with Covid cases for the Town of any flu shot availability and/or informational assistance.

II. Discussion

A: Covid-19 Update

- 1. Kevin Forgue discussed the positive rate trending up and contributing factors.
- 2. Kevin Forgue received two (2) phone calls from residents with concerns that Town businesses are not following Covid precautions.
 - A complaint was made toward a local pizza restaurant, to which it noted that employees were not wearing masks. Kevin Forgue investigated the restaurant unannounced, and at that time all employees were wearing masks at that time. Kevin Forgue informed the employees his rationale for investigating the restaurant and was assured by the employee's precautions are being taken place.
 - Another concern from a resident noting the Post Office employees are not wearing masks and/or sanitizing. Kevin Forgue investigated the Post Office unannounced and confirmed all employees were wearing masks. However, of note, there was employee at that particular Post Office that tested positive however this employee does not live in the Town of Carver and this individual was tested positive prior to returning to work from medical leave so there was no exposure.

B. Board of Health Social Media Page

- 1. Chairman Mueller is continuing to work on this page.
- C. Animal Regulation Review
 - 1. Kevin Forgue discussed reviewing and updating the Animal Regulation for the Town for new permits in related to lot size and number of animals on property. Kevin Forgue is in the process of sending out notices to residents with animals, though cannot retro-actively enforce this regulation. Member Callis agrees with updating this regulation.
- D. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours in advance of the meeting
 - 1. Chairman Mueller inquired changing Dusk till Dawn times to 6:00 A.M to 7:00 P.M. Kevin Forgue will notify The Fire Department to change times on digital sign.
 - 2. Chairman Mueller discussed Kevin Forgue hours of availability and advocated support if additional hours are needed due to Covid.

- 3. Kevin Forgue reviewed the status of restaurant inspections which are done twice a year. Kevin Forgue did not complete restaurant inspections in June 2020 because of health and safety issues and not entering restaurants due to Covid. Next restaurant inspections will be due in December 2020.
- 4. Chairman Mueller inquired to Kevin Forgue about EEE current risk factor. Kevin Forgue noted the town remains at critical risk.
- E. Donation boxes
 - 1. Kevin Forgue contacted the owner of Frosty Dog and advised to have the donation box removed due to not being a current open business. The owner reported he would have them removed.
 - 2. Another donation box located at Quickees is also problematic. Kevin Forgue has called to have donation items removed.
- G. Maven access (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network)
 - 1. Kevin Forgue signed a contract at the end of September with a nursing organization, Atlantic Hill Nurses, whom will take over what the VNA was doing within the Town of Carver in regards to Covid. The Atlantic Hill Nurses consists of three (3) nurses that worked at the Holiday Inn Covid site treating patients. The nurses will assist the BOH with Covid cases and be trained in a specific system/program (Maven access), then vetted through the Department of Pubic Heath (DPH). In a few days the Atlantic Hill Nurses will pick up where VNA was completing tracing through Maven System. Atlantic Hill Nurses will set up interviews and close contacts from close testing positive. Kevin Forgue had zoom meeting with the Atlantic Hill nurses and The Carver Middle High School Nurse regarding ongoing transparency on new case updates.

III. Other Business

A. Approve minutes from September 15, 2020

Member Callis made a motion to accept the minutes from September 15, 2020 as written. Seconded by Member Borden. Voted and passed unanimously, 3-0

- B. Correspondence (if any)
 - 1. None
- C. Follow up for next meeting:
 - 1. Covid updates
 - 2. Status of the BOH social media page
 - 3. Update and review the Animal Regulation
 - 4. Donation boxes removed from Frosty dog.
 - 5. Donation items removed from Quickees
- D. Next meeting date and time:
 - 1. Next Board of Health Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.
- E. Adjournment
 - 1. Member Borden made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Callis. Voted and passed unanimously, 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 P.M

Respectfully submitted, Kelly DiCarli