



Approved 3/16/21

TOWN OF CARVER

Board of Health
108 Main Street
Carver, MA 02330

Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 16, 2021
@ 5:00 PM
Carver Town Hall Room #4

Present: Eric Mueller; Chairman, Members; Arthur Borden and Barry Callis

Also present: Kevin Forgue; Health Agent and Kelly DiCarli; Recording Secretary

Meeting Opened: 5:01 P.M.

A. Public Hearings:

1. No public hearings scheduled

B. Trash Hauler tonnage fees

1. Chairman Mueller noted a Select Board Member asked about trash hauler tonnage fees
2. Kevin Forgue noted the Board of Health was never part of waste district, however was involved in the tonnage fees due to staff collecting fees when the Town was under contract at the end of the fiscal year. Currently the Town is receiving no collection fees.
3. Kevin Forgue distributed and reviewed to the Board Members the past and current tonnage fee report.
4. Chairman Mueller will inform Select board Member; Bob Belbin the Town is not currently involved with a contract.

C. Covid-19 Update

1. Kevin Forgue noted numbers have decreasing for the past week and half which includes:
 - i. Six (6) cases reported on February 6 2021
 - ii. Five (5) cases reported on February 7 2021
 - iii. Six (6) cases reported on February 8 2021
 - iv. Three (3) cases reported on February 9 2021
 - v. Two (2) cases reported on February 10 2021
 - vi. Zero (0) cases reported on February 12 2021
 - vii. Four (4) cases reported on February 13 2021
 - viii. Four (4) cases reported on February 14 2021
 - ix. One (1) case reported on February 15 2021

D. Vaccination Clinic Update

1. Robert Hegner, Dentist from Cranberry Dental (present) and his assistant attended the Board of Health meeting. Dr. Hegner discussed the history of his practice and ongoing safe and preventative actions his dental office is doing through the pandemic.
2. Dr. Hegner reviewed his ongoing process and obstacle's he's facing to have his dental office become an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS)
3. Dr. Hegner discussed the availability of Moderna versus Pfizer and feels he's ready to "begin" vaccinating patients in two (2) weeks remarking he could vaccinate "couple thousand people". Dr. Hegner is seeking help from the Board of Health.

- i. Kevin Forgue openly discussed the Board of Health limitations and the complex protocols to set up an EDS and instructed to reach out to DPH Regional Superlatives.
 - ii. Kevin Forgue noted having a Zoom meeting with Chairman Mueller, Shawn Murrery, and Lauren Ward to discuss the ongoing process and issues in setting up an EDS in Carver.
 - iii. Kevin Forgue stated there is a site visit on Thursday, February 18, 2021 to look at the vacant old Fire Station across from the Town Hall as a potential EDS.
4. Dr. Hegner welcomed the Board of Health to a site visit and discussed again his concern of patients going into anaphylactic shock after the administration of the vaccine. Dr. Hegner summarized safety precautions within his dental office for medical emergencies. Dr. Hegner noted once the patients/resident completed the observation time in the holding area after the vaccine, they will be escorted to their car.
 - i. Chairman Mueller remarked that the DPH Planners determine an EDS site.
5. Kevin Forgue asked Dr. Hegner what he need from the Board of Health, and feels the Board of Health are not qualified to determine an appropriate EDS.
6. Kevin Forgue remarked the bigger cities are taking presentence over small towns for vaccinations.
7. Dr. Hegner will contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for next steps.
8. Member Callis voiced his concern regarding the dental office site and potential cross contamination and patients/residents have to leave their vehicle to enter the building for vaccination.
9. Member Borden also voiced issues regarding hours being opened pertaining to zoning, traffic, and capacity limit of the space.

E. Public Comments

1. EMS Chief Michael Ryan (present):
 - i. Chief Michael Ryan acknowledged receiving a phone call from Dr. Hegner regarding the EDS. Chief Michael Ryan noted that drive-through vaccination sites are better assessable for the older community and EMS will be able to assist with community mobile assistance to administer the vaccination.
2. Brian Campbell; Planner for EDS (present):
 - i. Brian Campbell validated Kevin Forgue notation indicating DPH makes decisions for EDS and the Board of Health receives the vaccinations and disperses them to the to approved sites. Brian Campbell feels the old Fire Station across from the Town Hall is an ideal location given the capacious space inside and outside of the Fire Station.
 - ii. Brian Campbell suggested to the Board Members asking local nurses in Town to volunteer during the vaccination drive through. Brian Campbell has put many hours into the Randolph drive through and hasn't witnessed anyone requiring STAT Medical services. Brian Campbell noted that EMT's are on stand-by at the site and check-in with every vehicle after the vaccination ensuring safety.

F. Donation Bin Permits

1. Kevin Forgue noted all of the renewal letters have been sent out about one month ago with no response. Within the letters included potential fines
2. Kevin Forgue noted possibly going door to door and remind them to pay their yearly fee
3. In sum, either pay for donation bins or remove them.

G. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours in advance of the meeting

1. None

H. Review minutes from January 19, 2021

1. Chairman Mueller made a motion to accept the minutes from January 19, 2021 as written.
Seconded by Member Borden. Voted and passed unanimously, 3-0

I. Correspondence (if any)

1. None

J. Next meeting date and time:

1. Next Board of Health Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 5 P.M.

K. Adjournment:

1. Chairman Mueller made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Member Callis.
Voted and passed unanimously, 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly DiCarli