



**Chelmsford Board of Health  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Town of Chelmsford  
50 Billerica Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824  
Zoom - 6:15 p.m., Monday June 1, 2020**

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**Attending:**

Board Members: Annmarie Roark  
Eric Meikle, MD

Staff: Susan M. Rosa, Health Director  
Donna Greenwood, Departmental Assistant

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:15pm  
Zoom Session

**Approval of Minutes**

Changes: Page 2, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph spell correct - zoom.  
Page 2, 9<sup>th</sup> paragraph change to: With stay at home, all Pediatricians at Greater Lowell want to ensure all children are receiving their normal routine vaccinations.

Upon Motion made by Eric Meikle to accept minutes, seconded by Annmarie Roark, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the Board of Health Meeting for May 4, 2020.

**Outgoing Correspondence:**

Discussion on Mosquito spraying. Residents can pre-register by calling 508-393-3055 or by going to the Central Mass Mosquito Control website at: [www.cmmcp.org](http://www.cmmcp.org) under “Seasonal Updates”.

Discussion on supporting the Grant for Renovation at Dunshire Road.

Discussion on sending Permit letters out; utilize the word “Restaurant” instead of “Establishment” in the future since we have a restaurant name “The Establishment”.

Upon Motion made by Annmarie Roark to accept Outgoing Correspondence, seconded by Eric Meikle, it was voted unanimously to approve Outgoing Correspondence.

**Incoming Correspondence:**

Discussion on Permanent Solution on the following properties: 11 Oak Street with conditions on DEP spill notification, 155 Morocco Avenue, and 84 Turnpike Road.

Discussion on 7 Oak Street septic is tied in and in compliance.

Discussion on Emergency plan for Chelmsford Forum; also, buses being moved from the parking lot.

Discussion on UPS 87 Brick Kiln Rd DEP spill.

Discussion on Phase I Site Investigation and Tier Classification of 18-20 Boston Road.

Discussion on 27 Katrina Road; The buses parking area will be moved to this site.

Discussion on Asbestos Abatement notifications.

Pan Am Railway is self-explanatory.

Upon Motion made by Eric Meikle to accept Incoming Correspondence, seconded by Annmarie Roark, it was voted unanimously to approve Incoming Correspondence.

### **Old Business:**

Discussion on Letter to Conservation Committee- No response since Covid-19.

Covid-19 Update:

Chelmsford has 317 confirmed cases; with a week ago having 310. There are currently 55 active cases. BOH attends 2 weekly calls with the DPH. They provide us with updates along with plans and guidelines. It is a fluid situation, changing constantly. The DPH did have an additional call today giving guidance on the opening of summer camps. We are not being given specific phasing dates, we believe Phase 2 will be between June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Restaurants are in Phase 2 with specific guidance on outdoor seating. There will not be any fee attached. BOH working very closely with Building, Planning, Police, and Fire to streamline applications for Restaurants that will be requesting outdoor seating.

We are doing the best we can with enforcement. Our goal is the health of the public for the entire town of Chelmsford by educating.

There are conflicting opinions on wearing gloves; most important thing is to wash your hands. If you are wearing gloves you need to ensure you are taking them off properly. Don't touch your skin when you are taking the gloves off. When you take the gloves off you still need to wash your hands.

There is still discussion on how long Covid-19 can stay on surfaces. There is information that has come out that people aren't catching Covid-19 from surfaces. However, it is believed to be on cardboard for 2 to 3 hours and 24 to 48 hours on plastic and metal. It is air salivation that causes people to get Covid-19, this is why masks are needed. The masks that have the valves do not meet the requirement of the state, because when you breathe out,

you are breathing out air salivation and the purpose of masks is to stop this.

People can go to Mass.Gov website to get information on Covid-19. We are also constantly updating our town website.

80% of pediatricians in this area have their offices in Chelmsford. There are times that Daycare Centers need a note, or a form filled out from the physician for a child to return to the daycare center. It needs to be understood that even if a test shows negative for Covid-19 it doesn't mean it is not incubating in them. The state needs to come up with guidelines for how children will return to daycares.

Upon Motion made by Annmarie Roark to accept Old Business, seconded by Eric Meikle, it was voted unanimously to approve Old Business.

### **New Business-**

Discussion on Newport Industries in Westford: BOH director attended the walk through with Westford BOH. There was discussion if the plant would share information with Chelmsford- they will. They currently are not open.

Discussion on Beaches:

We did open the beaches, and had signs made with the expected guidelines. There are 4 signs at each beach. However, not even a week after the signs were posted we received numerous complaints that people are not following the guidelines. We understand that people want to use the beach, but as we said earlier, we need to be concerned for all residents in town; approx. 34,000. We gave people the opportunity to follow the guidelines, but many did not. We need to protect our residents. There needs to be some education before we reopen the beaches.

The Chelmsford Independent did an article listing all the guidelines that need to be followed. The media has helped us by doing articles, it helps with the education. We cannot put all our residents at risk for the 50 people that want to go to the beach and not follow the guidelines. It is just as concerning in the parking lot where people are parking to go biking, they need to ensure they are not congregating. We are not closing bike paths; people do need to be outside and get fresh air. People do need to wear masks and not congregate.

Another concern at Heart Pond and Mobil Station is the middle school aged kids that are congregating, they are not social distancing and not masked. How do you educate these kids? We need the parents to assist. They left home with the mask but they are not wearing the mask.

We have someone that cleans the beaches for the town on his own time, he sent an email concerned of his safety and the experience he had with the kids; they made fun of him wearing a mask. Teenagers don't believe they would be the 1% that Covid-19 would affect. The term they stated that it is a free country- it is but they don't have the right to congregate to put others at risk of the disease. We need these kids to understand that it is not just about them; it is about all of us.

We did have an inspector visit with the owner of the Mobil station to help us with separating tables and assist us with social distancing; he is very responsive and assisting. We don't have the staff to police these kids and don't have the staff to police the beaches. We need improvement in the behavior.

As the Governor goes through the phases and loosens up some of the guidelines it will be easier to open the beaches. There are other communities that didn't even open their beaches. We did open and tried to educate the public, the signs are very visible and understandable; but the guidance wasn't followed. If we open beaches as the governor loosens his guidelines and we have the same thing happen, we will need to close them again. Heart Pond does have an area for kayaking etc, people can still do this and need to ensure they are social distancing on the pond as well.

Discussion on Lifeguard variance requests- Richardson House and Hitchin Post granted variance. Williamsburg I approve pending a couple of certifications.

Upon motion made by Annmarie Roark to approve Richardson House and Hitchin Post for a Lifeguard variance, seconded by Eric Meikle, it was voted unanimously to approve the variances.

Upon motion made by Eric Meikle to approve Williamsburg I lifeguard variance pending their paperwork, seconded by Annmarie Roark, it was voted unanimously to approve Williamsburg I lifeguard variance pending paperwork completion.

Upon Motion made by Eric Meikle to accept New Business, seconded by Annmarie Roark, it was voted unanimously to approve New Business.

**Other:**

Discussion on Fish Bones renovation.

Discussion on Pools- Area big enough to open? Social Distancing will need to occur outside and inside pool. Will they need to have a sign in sheet to know who has been there in case of a positive case and who could have become a contact?

Discussion on cleaning procedures and guidelines at the town hall.

Discussion on opening windows in rooms that don't circulate air well.

Discussion on a Nail Salon, a Fitness place, and the American legion opening prior to approval.

Reminder: Election is tomorrow.

Upon Motion made by Eric Meikle to accept Other, seconded by Annmarie Roark, it was voted unanimously to approve Other.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Upon Motion made by Eric Meikle, seconded by Annmarie, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** *July 6, 2020 - 6:15pm:*

*Location - TBD*