

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE VIRTUAL MINUTES
February 23 at 6:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s.18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Pembroke Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Pembroke website, at <https://www.pembroke-ma.gov/home/news/governors-order-suspendingcertain-provisions-open-meeting-law>.

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Pembroke website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

REMOTELY PRESENT: Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Matthew Newman (Secretary), Adam Gedutis (Member), and Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), and Sheila Landy (BoH Secretary).

Chair Driscoll opened the meeting at 6:00pm and read the statement regarding COVID-19 and meeting procedures.

BOARD ACTION ITEM

Discuss and Vote Variance Request for 3 Robinson Creek Rd

The Health Agent said she spoke to the engineer and they will redesign the addition to stay 10' away from the septic field which is the state minimum. Newman made a motion to approve the reduction in separation of a slab foundation to the septic field from the Pembroke Upgrade regulation of 20' to the state minimum of 10' feet. Gedutis seconded. All were in favor by roll call vote (3-0-0).

Vote to Approve Minutes of January 5, 2021 – The Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Clerk Newman made a motion to accept the January 5, 2021 minutes as written. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor by roll call vote was unanimous. (3-0-0).

Discuss the COVID-19 VACCINE – The Health Agent updated the Board regarding the Governor's rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine. The state has reiterated it will continue to focus on their large vax sites. Pembroke will receive vaccines for its public housing and staff. The state is still sending most of its vaccine to its max vaccine sites and Pembroke will not be getting any more vaccine other than the vaccines for public housing. The Agent said it is unclear whether municipalities will get vaccines when the supply is larger, and the demand slows down. She expressed her frustration with the state's rollout of the vaccine. The Agent gave tips as to how to register for a vaccine, what the best locations to get one are (the mega sites). COVID cases are trending down. As of 2/18/2021, individuals aged 65 and older, individuals who have 2 or more specific medical conditions and individuals living in low income and affordable senior housing (and staff) are now eligible for vaccination.

Discuss and possibly vote Annual Town Meeting Preparation – The Chair asked if the Board wanted to send a letter to the Town Moderator and the Select Board, like last year, asking them to consider an outdoor meeting for the spring Town Meeting currently scheduled for May11, 2018. The Chair said the numbers are higher now than they were last summer. Newman made a motion to send a letter to the Town Moderator and the Select Board asking them to consider all options for the annual town meeting. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor (roll call 3-0-0).

Health Agent's Report

The engineers are coming out of hibernation and percs and septic submittals are up. We are booking pers well into March. We have minor property complaints and are working with one physically handicapped resident to

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get their property cleaned up. We have some livestock complaints that we are working through. Mr. DeMarzo wants to restart the Livestock Subcommittee Meetings.

The Chair stated the next meeting is March 23, 2021.

The Chair asked for motion to adjourn at 6:26. Mr. Newman made a motion to adjourn, Gedutis seconded, and all were in favor (3-0-0).

The Chair signed off at 6:26pm.