



MINUTES OF THE PEMBROKE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

December 15, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION (ZOOM Platform)

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting was conducted via remote means.

<https://www.pembroke-ma.gov/home/news/governors-order-suspending-certain-provisions-open-meeting-law>.

PRESENT: Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Matthew Newman (Clerk), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Adam Gedutis (Member), Sheila Landy (Secretary) and Robert DeMarzo (Livestock Subcommittee Chair)

Chair Driscoll opened the meeting at 5:30 pm and read the statement regarding the recording of the Meeting.

The Chair asked Mr. DeMarzo if he would mind if he took the appointments out of order.

BOARD APPOINTMENT – Robert DeMarzo – Livestock Subcommittee Update and Presentation of the revised “Regulations for keeping Livestock, December 13, 2021

Mr. DeMarzo thanked the Secretary for her help with the project. We have had changes in the committee. Some members had to leave due to other commitments. The Subcommittee consists of five members: Robert DeMarzo, Paige Graziano, Jason Ramsdell, Stephen LeBlanc, and Liz Bailey. They have worked hard. DeMarzo went through the document page by page and explained the changes and additions they made. DeMarzo said COVID has been a hindrance. He would like to have a public forum to get feedback about the proposed changes from Pembroke residents. Now that we are not meeting in person, should they wait for in-person meetings? Or move ahead. The Chair stated he would like time to go through the guide before they vote. He would also like the subcommittee to meet again. Newman would like feedback from the residents. Mr. DeMarzo said the committee would like to get Lisa’s diagram from the office blackboard into the Livestock Handbook. The Board will review the document and consider, at their next meeting, how to get feedback from the residents. The members thanked Mr. DeMarzo and the subcommittee for the amount of work they did.

Health Agent’s Report

COVID UPDATE AND OFFICE ACTIVITY/GENERAL INFO

Activity in the office is up as licenses are being renewed. COVID numbers are rising, and the Massachusetts Contact Tracing Collaborative has shut down, putting additional burden on office staff and our public health nurses. We are asking for patience in renewing licenses. COVID numbers have spiked from Thanksgiving. One of our public nurses is working two hours per day as opposed to 8 hours per week. The state is recommending vaccines and boosters.

The Chair asked about home tests and whether they are tracked. The Agent stated the state is asking anyone who tests positive with a home test to contact the local Board of Health. The Chair recommended we try to get the word out.

The Chair asked about the COVID numbers. The Agent said they are trending down from two hundred to about one hundred per week.

The Agent stated personal safety and the safety of your family is up to you. Keep away from crowds even if you are vaccinated. Practice good hygiene.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss member availability for future meetings. Set the date and time for the next meeting.

The Chair asked if anyone had any preference. Newman said right now, he has no conflicts, but Tuesdays and Wednesdays are better. Gedutis said if it was Zoom, he had no conflicts.

At 6:05 Newman made a motion adjourn, Gedutis seconded, all were in favor by roll call vote: Matt Newman (Y), Adam Gedutis (Y) and Tom Driscoll (Y).