

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE VIRTUAL MINUTES
July 14, 2020 at 7:00 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), Matt Newman (Clerk), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Sabrina Chilcott (Assistant Town Manager), Dan Trabucco (Selectman Chair), John Brown (Selectman), Margaret Struzik (Town Clerk), Linda Peterson (Advisory Board Chair), Stephen Dodge (Town Moderator) and Sheila Landy (as resident).

CHAIR DRISCOLL OPENED THE MEETING AT 7:00 PM

BOARD ACTION ITEM – DISCUSSION OF EMS PLAN AS PRESENTED BY PEMA AND POSSIBLE VOTE REGARDING RECOMMENDED ACTIONS THAT ARISE OR ANY OTHER ACTION.

Chair Driscoll asked the Health Agent to run down the current plans for the July 28, 2020 Town Meeting and precautions taken for the COVID-19 pandemic. The Agent discussed distancing, check-in protocols, accommodations for those who would not/could not wear a mask, capacity, the reduced quorum, and HVAC air handling.

The Chair asked the Chairman of the Selectmen Dan Trabucco if he had anything he wanted to add. Trabucco apologized for not including the Board of Health in the Town Meeting Subcommittee. He said it was an oversight as they had the Health Agent on the Subcommittee. Mr. Trabucco stated the committee had pared the meeting down to the essentials with an understanding another Town Meeting would take place later. Selectmen Brown stated the subcommittee discussed having the Meeting outside. Weather (rain, heat, wind), distance for the seniors, sensitive audio/video equipment as well as EEE were huge hurdles to overcome. Town Clerk Struzik said it would be a problem if we were to change the Town Meeting date yet again which would happen if the venue changed. Chair Driscoll stated it is safer to be outside in fresh air, especially if there are residents without mask. He reiterated the seriousness of COVID-19 and the dangerousness of being inside with a large group. Town Moderator stated he didn't want to have a Town Meeting, but it is a necessity. He would prefer it outside but there are too many obstacles. He feels PEMA and the Subcommittee have developed a workable plan. Matt Newman stated he would rather it was outside. Due to multiple nasal surgeries, the mask is uncomfortable for him. The Chair made a motion to send a letter informing the Town Moderator the Board of Health advises the Town Meeting be held outside. Newman seconded and the motion carried (2-0).

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HEALTH AGENT REPORT

The Health Agent stated COVID compliance is very high. She has been out around Town at the Town Manager's request to monitor compliance. There has been normal office activity.

The Chair stated the next meeting would be on July 20, 2020.

Chair Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m

Thomas Driscoll
Chair