

**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**REMOTE VIRTUAL MINUTES**  
**August 11, 2020 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), Matt Newman (Clerk), Adam Gedutis (Member), Sheila Landy (Secretary) and Marialaina Lannin (property owner).

**CHAIR DRISCOLL OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:00 PM**

**BOARD ACTION ITEM – Update and discussion on Woodbine Avenue septic tank**

Chair Driscoll asked for an update. Ms. Lannin stated she had several quotes. Some were very high. She has some more contractors coming out to look at the property and give additional quotes. She hopes to have the work done by the end of the year. She hopes to have a firm plan by the next meeting. Ms. Lannin asked for a suspension of the pending fines. The Chair said it would be discussed at the next meeting. The Chair understands it will not be done by the next meeting. Newman stated as long as there is progress towards completing the work, there would not be a problem. The Chair moved the date for fines to August 25<sup>th</sup> (the next meeting).

**BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discussion of livestock on School Street**

Chair Driscoll tabled this item as the issue appears to be resolved.

**BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote Minutes of July 14, 2020 and July 20, 2020**

The Chair asked if the minutes for July 14 and July 20 had been read. Mr. Newman made a motion to accept the minutes of July 14, and July 20, 2020. Mr. Gedutis seconded, and all were in favor.

**BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discussion regarding outdoor Fall Town Meeting**

The Chair stated this was on the Agenda for the Board to stay informed. The Health Agent stated she has not been approached by anyone about a Fall Town Meeting yet. She would be happy to send a memo to the Board if she is contacted by anyone regarding a Fall Town Meeting.

**HEALTH AGENT REPORT**

The Chair went over the reductions in group sizes by Governor Charlie Baker. This applies to weddings and events as opposed to restaurants. There is now a color-coded system for ranking the pandemic by city/town. White and green are low. Yellow is moderate and red is high. The Governor sees no reason for children not to return to schools in White and Green Coded communities. Air quality was discussed in the weekly state conference call. They are following the guidance of the CDC. Except for the high school, all the schools have good air handling (some are independent of each other and use outdoor air. The high school does have a bit more challenges as students are not in the same classroom all day every day. Students will be in school two days per

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week which should alleviate the situation. Class sizes are being controlled. The Chair asked why the school is not sanitized on Wednesday as opposed to Monday. The Agent stated that was a question for the Superintendent. Pembroke is not seeing any spikes in COVID-19. The Chair asked about fall sports. The Agent said most sports are trying to go forward with some sort of contactless sport or can be adapted to be contactless. The Agent went on to mosquitos. We have the highest count of positive mosquitos (EEE and WNV) and we have the earliest positive case in a human than ever before in Plymouth County. This is the earliest we have ever been in a MODERATE state. Aerial spraying will begin tonight and continue nightly, weather permitting until complete. If you are out between dusk and dawn, wear long sleeves, long pants, and mosquito repellant. Office is extraordinarily busy with percs and new septic systems. The state took over enforcement at one restaurant. The rest are doing fantastic.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Newman made a motion to adjourn, Gedutis seconded and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 6:39pm.

Thomas Driscoll  
Chair