

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE VIRTUAL MINUTES
August 25, 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>.

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REMOTELY PRESENT: Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Matt Newman (Clerk), Adam Gedutis (Member), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Sheila Landy (Secretary), Sabrina Chilcott (monitoring calls and emails) 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 has another quote and is evaluating all of them. She spoke to the DPW about a tree that needs to be removed. The DPW approved the removal and she has been in contact with National Grid and they will be sending someone out to look at it. The Chair asked if Ms. Lannin would have a contractor by the next meeting, September 15th. Lannin said she would have more information. He then said he would stay any fines until September 15, 2020. Newman asked the office to be kept up to date.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discussion of rooster on School Street

The Agent stated we need to confirm the roosters have been removed. Still investigating but it appears they are gone. There was a complaint today regarding a rooster by the neighbors, but it sounded like it may be another rooster somewhere. Chair Driscoll tabled this item as the issue appears to be resolved.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote Minutes of August 11, 2020

The Chair asked if the minutes for August 11, 2020 had been read. Mr. Newman stated he had yet to read them. The Chair tabled to the next meeting.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discussion Regarding Engineering Resubmittals

The Agent explained this is not a violation of Title 5 rules. She wants to put this on the horizon. COVID exposed a lot of shortfalls in our business practices. The BoH relies heavily on face-to-face transactions. In the event the office needs to go remote again, there are some things that need to be considered:

1. Percs. Sometimes checks come in by themselves without documentation. They may be from an engineer or a homeowner. The Agent requests the engineers make their own appointments for perc tests and is responsible for turning in payment the address of the perc on that check.
2. Engineering applications. Again, checks come in separate from the septic application packet. We cannot send engineering plans out for review without a check. All engineering packets should come in with all fees associated with them, not separately.

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3. Engineering re-review. If we need to send a plan back to engineering a second time because it was not approved by our review engineer, we incur additional costs. The Agent requests the office pass that cost on to the engineer.

The Agent is not asking for a motion currently. She will outline in writing at a future meeting.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

COVID Update – our numbers continue to remain low and following the same track. We are in the Green light for the stop light metric. There is a PEMA meeting regarding school opening. Youth athletics has been successful thus far.

Mosquitos – we remain at moderate. There was a EEE case in Halifax but far from us.

Ms. Chilcott asked the agent to update the board about the businesses with temporary outdoor licenses. The Agent said they have been warned about EEE and how things could change.

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 6:31pm.

Thomas Driscoll
Chair