

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH SPECIAL MEETING
REMOTE VIRTUAL MINUTES
March 29, 2021 at 5:00 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), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent) and Sheila Landy (Secretary).

Chair Driscoll opened the meeting at 5:00pm and read the statement regarding COVID-19 and meeting procedures.

BOARD ACTION ITEM

Discuss and Vote a letter to the Town Moderator regarding Spring Town Meeting

The Chair asked the Health Agent to give an update on Town Meeting and PEMA. The Agent stated PEMA is writing a letter to the Town Manager, the Town Moderator and the Select Bboard expressing their concern about the escalating number of COVID cases over the past couple of weeks and asking them to consider postponing Town Meeting until the case counts come down and at least look at other options to reduce the possible exposure. She talked about how last year's Town Meeting was streamlined to expedite the business that needed to be conducted.

The Chair went over last year's meeting held in August. The month of August had 13 total cases of COVID. So far March has had 22 cases, not including yesterday and today. The Chair stated with these numbers, having Town Meeting outside should be a priority. Driscoll read a new letter to the moderator modifying the Board of Health stance on this year's Town Meeting. The Board of Health advised the Moderator to postpone the meeting until case counts stabilize and decline. It also advised the Meeting to be held outdoors.

The Chair asked for motion regarding the letter. Newman made a motion to accept the letter and send it as written to the Town Moderator, Gedutis seconded, and all were in favor by roll call vote (3-0-0). The Chair clarified it should be sent to the Town Moderator and copies to the Select Board and PEMA. Mr. Newman stated for the public PEMA is Pembroke Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Newman made a motion to adjourn, Gedutis seconded, and all were in favor (3-0-0). The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:12pm.