

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE VIRTUAL MINUTES
April 6, 2021 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), Matthew Newman (Secretary), Adam Gedutis (Member), and Lisa Cullity (Health Agent).

Chair Driscoll opened the meeting at 6:00pm and read the statement regarding COVID-19 and meeting procedures.

BOARD ACTION ITEM

Discuss and Vote Variance Request for 83 Suomi Rd

The Health Agent gave an overview of the current system at the Finnish Camp at Suomi Rd and on Furnace Pond. It has a steam room and sauna and was built circa mid '20's. It is a member's only camp. With limited use during COVID, they are taking the time to update the septic system. It currently a series of cesspools. The variance is to allow a pump chamber which will contain gray water only from the steam room to encroach within 10 feet of Furnace Pond. The pump chamber will pump the gray water up the system further away from the pond. This has been approved by the Conservation Commission and meets maximum feasible compliance. Newman asked if the tank would be just gray water from the sauna and where was the rest of the system. Cullity said it was runoff from the sauna and the rest of the system is well over 200' from the pond. Newman moved to approve the request to reduce the separation of the septic tank to Furnace Pond from 200' to 10'. Gedutis seconded. All were in favor by roll call vote (3-0-0).

Vote to Approve Minutes of January 26, 2021 and February 9, 2021 – The February minutes were tabled by the Chair to the next meeting. The Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Clerk Newman made a motion to accept the January 26, 2021 minutes as written. Gedutis seconded and all were in favor by roll call vote was unanimous. (3-0-0).

Discuss and possibly vote Annual Town Meeting Preparation – The Chair said they would not be voting, just discussing the upcoming Town Meeting. He asked the Agent for an update on Town Meeting. Cullity stated she has not been involved with any PEMA meetings regarding Town Meeting since the Board of Health's last meeting. The Select Board has tabled it until tomorrow's meeting. They are still considering their options. Clerk Newman asked of the Town Moderator was now in charge of Town Meeting and has he received our letter? The Agent said once the warrant is posted, the Moderator is in charge of Town Meeting. It has yet to close.

Health Agent's Report

Update Oak St and High St – These homes were sold with a failed Title 5 Inspection and are currently occupied. Certified letters were sent to the homes and to the owner's address stating this must be rectified. This is the first step and could result in condemnation if not resolved,

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Update Livestock Violation at Priscilla Drive and Plymouth Street – There were unregistered livestock at these addresses. They have since registered their livestock. The Agent will continue to monitor the situation.

Update COVID-19 Vaccine – There have recently been high numbers, including today, in Pembroke. This could put us back in the red. People are not being cautious. The vaccine is here, and the good weather is coming, we need to be cautious to keep the numbers down. The Agent acknowledged the difficulties in getting the vaccine but advised anybody who had the opportunity to do so should get vaccinated. The amount of vaccine being sent to the state is doubly weekly. It should become easier to get the vaccine. Use good judgement in your vacation activities. The Chair asked the Health Agent for an update of COVID at the schools. The Agent stated there is COVID in the schools, but it has not originated at the schools. It was from non-school activities. The schools have not needed to increase precautions. Cullity stressed do not go anywhere if you do not feel well. Even if it “just a little unwell.”

Perc tests, office and field activity are up drastically.

The Chair asked for motion to adjourn at 6:19. Mr. Gedutis made a motion to adjourn, Newman seconded, and all were in favor (3-0-0).