

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 2, 2020**

PRESENT: Thomas Driscoll (Chair), Matt Newman (Clerk), Lisa Cullity (Health Agent, and Rich Grady (resident – student).

CHAIR DRISCOLL OPENED THE MEETING AT 5:00 PM AND READ THE STATEMENT REGARDING AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING

5:00pm SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT – Variance request for 423 W. Elm Street – Jessica Nassif

Property owner is seeking a building permit for a deck after the fact. The applicant has already installed a new septic system and already constructed the deck. The deck is within three and a half feet of the septic tank which is a violation of our regulations. The applicant is asking for reduction of separation of the deck footings and the septic tank from 10' to 3.5'. The Agent discussed why the septic had to be where it was installed (setbacks). The engineering submitted an alternative of rotating the tank and thus reducing the setback to about 7'. Newman made a motion to deny the variance request submitted by Nassif. Driscoll seconded and all were in favor. Newman made a motion to require the tank be moved so that it is 8' away from the deck footings. The motion passed.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Discuss and possibly vote to require a livestock inspection at 92 Mattakeesett Street to determine compliance with order to remove roosters.

The Health Agent reported there have been no complaints. The neighbor was in and said all they hear now are the geese. The Chair asked the Health Agent how she wanted to proceed. The Agent stated there would be another inspection next year. It would be okay to wait for that inspection barring any future complaints.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – 2020 Mosquito Season

Plymouth County is ramping for up mosquito season. A warm winter will allow a large mosquito population this summer. The Chair asked if the DPW would be spraying the bogs. The Health Agent will ask the DPW.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT

Coronavirus is a great concern. The state Department of Health reported this is a serious illness. One confirmed case in Massachusetts. The state is doing all the tests as test kits are limited. Appears to be like an aggressive flu. It is water-particulate born and thus passes by direct contact. There appears to be a run on hand sanitizer. Wash hands often. Soap and warm water are sufficient. A vaccine is being worked on. A link to the state page on COVID-19 is available on the Town website. Newman asked if we had a pandemic response. The Agent stated we do have a pandemic team and a pandemic response. The Team just attended a drill just over 2 weeks ago. The response would be dependent upon the availability of a vaccine. Office activity is steady as it never got cold and perc tests continue.

The Chair asked about the Livestock Committee. The Agent stated they have a public forum on March 12 in the Veteran's Hall.

BOARD ACTION ITEM – Vote to Acceptance Minutes of January 6 and February 3, 2020

Newman made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 6, 2020. The Chair seconded and all were in favor.

The Chair stated the next meeting will be April 6, 2020 at 5:00pm

Newman made a motion to adjourn at 5:290 p.m., Driscoll seconded, and all were in favor.

Thomas Driscoll
Chair