

# CHILMARK BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes

May 23 2020

via zoom

4pm

**Present:** Katie Carroll, Matt Poole, Jan Buhrman, Forrest Filler, Marina Lent

**Also Present:** Margaret Maida, Ebba Hierta, Stella, Martina Mastro Monaco, Jessica Roddy, Clarissa Allen, Seth Karlinski, Hugh Weisman, Janet Weidner, Joel Glickman, Jennifer LoRusso

**Chilmark Library Reopening:** Ebba Hierta reported that the island Libraries are working as a single unit: they plan to open at the same time, under the same protocols, so as not to confuse their patrons and add unnecessary complexity to an already challenging and constantly-changing situation. She noted that the Library's first phase of reopening will involve only one person in the building at a time for one week, then two staff members working with significant separation between them. In the second phase, on June 8th, the book drop will be open for patrons to return books they borrowed before the closing, and on June 15th the Library will begin service with porch pickup only of materials ordered by phone.

Detailed plans are in place for the use of PPE and hand washing. Securing adequate PPE throughout the coming months is a high priority, and further challenges remain, in that much of the equipment such as computers and phones is shared by staff members, which increases risk and sanitation difficulties. The front desk will have a plexiglass barrier installed in anticipation of opening the building to patrons.

The Board noted that it would like to review the Library reopening plan in the context of the bigger Town reopening which will also be conducted in conformance with the Governor's guidelines. This more comprehensive review will take place prior to the beginning of Phase 2, which is likely to be on June 8.

**Lucy Vincent Beach and Squibnocket Beach:** Martina discussed questions raised by a list of recommendations for beach operations provided by the Board. For example, she noted that having staff at the gate take the time to discuss social distancing with each car upon entry would likely result in significant traffic backup. She requested assistance with creating signage that would serve the purpose of educating beachgoers. She also requested a well-check form for staff. The board discussed the importance of adherence to the 14-day quarantine requirement for workers traveling in, noting that the Town must lead by example and model the behavior it requires of others.

Jan Buhrman asked that no trash disposal be allowed at the Beach, and expressed the hope that signs advising beachgoers to "carry in/carry out" would suffice to motivate beachgoers not to

**Scallop Sales off the Boat on Basin Road:** Matt Poole reported on discussions with DPH food protection program staff and confirmed that Wes Brighton has the permits required to sell shucked scallops off the boat. The configuration of sales in the Basin Road lot is primarily a question which must be addressed by Parks and Rec, however, he expressed concerns with lack of drainage at the on-land site. Board members noted that current conditions of sale are well-managed, but felt that review for summer sales is ongoing.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is Saturday, May 30th at 5pm via zoom, link available on Town Hall website.