

Chilmark Board of Selectmen Joint Board of Health March 31, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Remote participation present: Chairman Warren Doty, James Malkin, Bill Rossi. Others: Tim Carroll, Police Chief Jonathan Klaren, Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw, Tri Town Ambulance Chief Ben Retmier, Jennifer Christy, Katie Carroll, Jan Buhurman, Jim Feinner, Ann Wallace, Jess Roddy, Andy Goldman, Dardy Slavin, Margaret Maida, Peter Cook, Virginia Morris, Cathy Thompson, Diana DeBlase, News reporters: Rich Saltzberg and Will Sennott.

Chairman Warren Doty called meeting to order at 3:00 PM

Chairman Doty asked for department updates concerning COVID 19 for Chilmark.

Chilmark Police Chief Update:

Police Chief Jonathan Klaren said he has a full healthy staff at this time. Chief Klaren said the department has a check in at the station for wellness updates taking temperature at arrival and departure daily.

Chilmark Fire Department Update:

Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw said he has discontinued Sunday radio check and has been inspecting the equipment himself to assure equipment is running for emergency calls when they need it. Chief Bradshaw said he is on fulltime and will continue to respond to calls. Chief Bradshaw said he is working on connecting the department for remote class participation training.

Tri Town Ambulance Update:

Chief Ben Retmier said that all employees are healthy and moral is good. Chief Retmier said he has instated pre and post health screening for all employees. Chief Retmier said the PPE supply for TTA is good at this time. Chairman Doty asked if we have to stay home for another 5 weeks is the station all set for supplies. Chief Retmier said it's a day to day check and will maintain resources in good supply.

Board of Health Update:

Jan Buhurman said that the other Board of Health members and agent are at this time meeting with the Department of Public Health but she would give an update and answer questions if there are any. Ms. Buhurman said most of the Chilmark Board of Health volunteers are over the age of seventy and are more vulnerable to COVID 19. Ms. Buhurman recommended we utilize the college students who are home to have them help our community. Ms. Buhurman recommended mileage reimbursement and possibly a stipend for these helpers. Ms. Buhurman said these are people who have worked with our board and are reliable and trained.

Town Hall Update:

Town Administrator Tim Carroll said that Governor Baker has extended the business closure and stay home order till May 4, 2020.

Mr. Carroll discussed the remote functions for town hall and what is still needed for each:

Accountant - Expense warrant

Treasurer - checks and payroll

Tax collector - deposits

Town clerk - website

Front desk - mail and scanning to departments and server backups.

Chairman Doty said town hall will not be opening next week. With the finish of their meeting with DPH Board of Health Chairman Katie Carroll said that the Chilmark Health department is prepared for potential positive COVID19 cases. Ms. Carroll expressed her concerns about people gathering in Menemsha. Ms. Carroll reported that there were popup art shows and picnics going on. Chairman Doty asked if the Health Department needed police assistance. Ms. Carroll said yes. Mr. Malkin said he shared Ms. Carroll's concerns and recommended that the Board of Health and Chilmark Police get together and decide how to handle this. Police Chief Klaren requested a letter for clearer message with instruction.

Ms. Bhurman discussed signage that is needed at the beaches and at Menemsha stating the stay at home order and construction ban extension. There was discussion about the island wide meetings held by the building inspectors, town administrators and boards of health. Tim Carroll said the Gov. Baker order today extended the Stay at Home orders till May 4, 2020.

Chairman Doty said the Selectmen intend to endorse the extension but have legal counsel working on our island wide wording on our measures that we will address tomorrow as we will continue today's Selectmen meeting at 3:00 PM tomorrow.

Chilmark Annual Town Meeting and Elections Updates:

Town Clerk Jennifer Christy said she has been working with the calendar and scheduling the postings and advertising deadlines for a date that the Selectmen set the Annual Town Meeting and Elections. Ms. Christy said Selectmen had discussed May 28, 2020 for Annual Town Meeting with Elections on May 30. Chairman Doty said a later date might work better. Selectmen discussed some possible dates.

With no further items for discussion at this time Chairman Doty said that this meeting will reconvene tomorrow April 1, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

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