

Board of Health Meeting
Emergency Remote Participation Meeting
April 30, 2020

Present: Tyler Nims, Chairman, Mark MacDonald, Vice Chair, Paul Armstrong, Clerk, Robert Valery, Director, Robert Galvin, Town Counsel, Phil Tavares, Police, Mike Moresco, Town Administrator, John Nash, IT, Patrick Brennan, John Taylor, Dana, Maggie, Al, Ed Mortel, Kimberly Bouressa, Howard Newman, John Cusick Jane McNiff, 781-536-2500, 617-285-1268

The Board of Health Meeting opened at 1:10 p.m.

Mr. Galvin opened with reading the **“Marinas to Remain Closed” Guidelines (version 4)**. The guidelines are attached. The discussion opened with how it will be enforced. It was said that it can be covered by the police and harbormaster. Mr. Tavares said it could be difficult to enforce. The discussion pointed out that it was based on the Governor’s order and would extend to May 18th and beyond should the Governor extend it. It is to be posted at all marinas and if the marina has a web site, posted there as well. It was recommended that the order be hand delivered to the marinas and also posted on the town web site. Mr. Armstrong stated that he would like to get the marinas open as soon as possible.

The discussion opened to the public:

Ed Mortel at John Taylor’s marina said people can be responsible for safe distancing and the town order was overreach. Maggie of Forster Ave. had concerns about parking at Brant Rock and was informed that surfing was allowed. John Taylor noted that Scituate marinas open on May 15th and Al Carragon said Scituate opens every year on that date. Mark Pellegrino asked about the \$300.00 fine per infraction regarding boats already in the water. A discussion followed to amend the order to have non-trailer boats remain but not used. There was talk about crowded boat ramps with more than 10 people. Howard Newman of Liberty Road read the Governor’s guidelines and that was all the town needed. It was stated that all would like the Governor to relax the order but sadly some people will not do the right thing. A vote to adopt the order was taken with Mr. Nims and Mr. MacDonald voted yes, Mr. Armstrong abstained.

Mr. Galvin noted that boats in the water before April 30th can stay in the water and Coast Guard inspections of boats would stay at a slip without being used until proper licensing.

Vote with amendment for boats in the water taken with Mr. Nims and Mr. MacDonald saying Yes, Mr. Armstrong abstaining.

Mr. Galvin recommended that all present write the State Rep. to open marinas as the first phase.

Meeting adjourned.

