Board of Health Meeting

Office Meeting

September 09, 2020

Present:, Mark MacDonald, Chairman; Paul Armstrong, Vice Chair; Tyler Nims, Clerk; Gary Russell, Assistant Director, Peter Falabella, Contractor; Valerie Blinn, Admin. Assistant

Board of Health Meeting opened at 1:03 p.m.

Mr. MacDonald motioned to open the meeting.

Mr. MacDonald started the meeting with the Recreation Department. Craig Jameson and Nancy Bowers were present. There was talk regarding EEC license requirements. The discussion moved to the different schools in town and the combining of students to create cohorts. The Recreation Dept. had run a "Summer Fun at Coast Guard Hill" and wishes to extend the camp into the fall. Mr. Jameson explained to the board the protocols and procedures for how the summer session was conducted and that it would be the same for the fall. The board was provided a handout of the procedures, a sample questionnaire and child information forms.

Mr. Jameson moved on to the proposed learning facility to be located next to the library. The classes would be from 9am to 3pm. The same protocols and procedures would be used at this location. Students would bring their own laptops; maintain six foot separation, etc. The Recreation Department also has a backup room should they need it. The Recreation Department requested a letter for the Board of Health approving the procedures and protocols.

Mr. McDonald asked if the board was in favor of the Recreation Department's procedures and protocols and all were in favor.

Mr. MacDonald moved the meeting on to discuss the Boys and Girls Club. They have proposed three programs; The Breakfast Club (7am to 9am), Remote Learning Club (9am to 3pm) and the After School Club (3pm to 6pm). The Boys and Girls Club did provide a handout to explain their policies and procedures. Mr. McDonald had spent time with the club reviewing the information and also was informed that if needed, an overflow of children could be housed at churches.

Mr. McDonald asked if the board was in favor of the Boys and Girls Club's procedures and protocols and all were in favor.

The next topic involved the hiring of the Town's nurse. Mr. Armstrong gave the board an overview of the three candidates. All were great. Kathleen Carol was the top choice. She was familiar with MAVEN and FEMA.

Mr. McDonald asked if the board was in favor of Kathleen Carol and all were in favor.

There were discussions regarding using Jerry Maher as an advisor. He has volunteered his time. The board would work out the details for his time as needed. There was a short discussion regarding Matt Tanis and bringing Peter Falabella back as a consultant. The board talked about a flu clinic using OSCO

as the town had in the past. The weeks of September 28th or the middle of October as a second date were discussed. This would be for town employees only and from 3pm to 5pm on a day the town hall was closed to the public. The board reviewed and discussed the job description for the Director's position and the proposed "Floor Drain" regulation. The floor drain regulation may need some input from Paul Duross.

Danielle was asked to attend the meeting and was given some edits to the Director's job description before it is posted.

The Board talked about setting up a tobacco sting for this year for under age and flavored material.

There was a discussion about percolation testing on Brewster Street and if there was water service in the area or was that area on well water. The board welcomed Peter Falabella back to the health department to help out.

Peter told the board that the Statehouse was having hearings regarding COVID-19 and that the Department of Labor and the Board of Health would have duel authority for workplace safety regarding COVID-19. The owners of establishments will be required to notify the Board of Health if someone tests positive for COVID-19.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.