

**Board of Health Meeting**  
**Board Members in Office and Zoom Meeting**  
**May 11, 2021**

**Present in Office:** Mark MacDonald, Chairman; Paul Armstrong, Vice Chair; Tyler Nims, Clerk; Gary Russell, Assistant Director; Dan Thompson, Intern

**Zoom Members:** Kevin Grady, Grady Consulting; Ed, speaking for Ms. Coppenrath; Cindy Castro, beaches

**Board of Health Meeting opened at 6:05 p.m.**

Mr. MacDonald motioned to open the meeting. Roll call was taken of the Board.

Mr. MacDonald started the meeting by welcoming **Mr. Daniel Thompson** as the Health Department's Intern. Dan presently is working at the fairgrounds with I.T. Before that he worked with the Building Department. The Board asked questions and Dan is aware that he will be starting at the bottom with a one year probation and that there is a lot of reading needed as well as the need to take classes for pool certification and soil evaluation. It was recommended that he start with reading Title 5 and make a list of any questions to ask Mr. Russell. There was some talk about the Food Code and infectious diseases that will aim toward the need for a Registered Sanitarian license.

6:20pm; Mr. MacDonald had ten minutes before the 1159 Ferry Street hearing so there was discussion about the schools and what kind of PPO activities are allowed. There was talk about a pumpkin race in October, Mr. MacDonald talked about a phone call regarding gym classes only inside. Mr. MacDonald was getting emails regarding school activities that were allegedly being blocked by the Board of Health. He had a talk with the Town Administrator and the school Superintendent to make everyone aware that the Health Department was not responsible for any blocks on school activities. Mr. Armstrong had a question regarding the "swap shop" at the transfer station. Mr. Russell said he would contact Tom Reynolds as to how it will operate. Mr. MacDonald has visited the swap shop and believes that it may open May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Armstrong said that Mr. Reynolds does not plan to open the swap shop until he sees other towns opening theirs.

6:30pm; The **1159 Ferry Street** zoom hearing will begin. Mr. Kevin Grady of Grady Consulting gave a short history of the project which included the variances and local upgrade approval requests needed to install a septic system. There was a discussion that followed that included the Board and a spokesman (Ed) for Ms. Coppenrath who is an abutter to the project site. It was pointed out that the design could not get any closer to the wetland because of the rules that the Board of Health must follow and the rule that the Conservation Commission follows. Following the discussion, the Board approved and signed the variance request and the local upgrade approval request.

7:00pm; Mr. MacDonald wants to **reorganize** the Board. With some discussion it was agreed that while the COVID-19 pandemic continues Mr. MacDonald will continue as chairman, Mr. Armstrong as vice chairman and Mr. Nims as clerk, with the understanding that when the town comes out of this pandemic, Mr. MacDonald will give up his position. Because Mr. MacDonald has contacts related to COVID all the Board members agreed that it makes the most sense. A motion was made and all said yes.

7:04pm; Beaches. Presently Marshfield has six **beaches** that need permits signed. Ms. Castro is in charge of the beaches and is responsible for five of them. The discussion that followed was that lifeguards were located at 9<sup>th</sup> Road where most people use the beach. 3<sup>rd</sup> Road is at the end of the beach where the sand ends and has less people. The other beach is Blue Fish Cove that has no lifeguards. To try and come to a compromise Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Russell to contact the State about adding an additional test site back at 9<sup>th</sup> Road. Mr. Russell will contact

Mr. Michael Beattie to see if the State will pay for an additional water test. In summary, the Board of Health presently has six water testing sites and would like to add 9<sup>th</sup> Road to make a seventh test site. The question is if the State will pay for the seventh test. More discussion followed with Mr. Armstrong asking Ms. Castro the location of the sewer outfall pipe. He was told South Street. There was additional talk about how this started with five sites and some areas that do not get tested.

7:27pm; The Board was informed that Alsco has been doing the inspection of food establishments and were given some of the reports that Alsco had turned in. The Board asked that establishments with three or more violations be re-inspected, Mr. Russell said it will be done. Alsco has performed 17 inspections in the last two weeks. The Board requested that the reports be scanned and sent to them.

7:41pm; Plymouth County Mosquito Spraying has begun.

7:47pm; The Board wants to get back to regular meetings. We will try to have the meetings on Mondays. It was also discussed as to what dumpsters are licensed in town. The Board will get a list of what dumpster services are licensed. There was a comment made as to whether or not town sewer can be extended, Mr. MacDonald said he would do some looking.

7:56pm; Motion to adjourn, seconded and all said yes.