

TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

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MINUTES FOR APRIL 1, 2020 B.O.H. MEETING ROOM 205 @ 5:00 P.M. HELD IN THE WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL 11 SOUTH ST., WESTMINSTER, MA 01473

In Attendance: Board members Chairman; Dr. Michael Popik, Mr. Edward Simoncini; Mr. H. Christopher Redkey; Health Agent Ms. Rita McConville.

5:00 p.m. Dr. Popik opened meeting; Read opening statement of Governor Baker's latest announcement.

All Board of Health meeting's will be held in the selectmen's meeting room and be televised live on Comcast channel 9 and AWCATV website. There will be no public attendance. If you have business before the board; a telephone link will be establish for your communication with the board during a portion of the meeting. Anyone wanting to comment on or have input into any discussion that board has is invited to submit them in writing for the board's consideration. http://www.awcatv.org/livestream-educationgovernment//

COVID-19 Update/ Dr. Popik re-intenerated Governor Baker's update:

Extend the closing of schools until May 4th.

Latest numbers of positive cases for the state.

Stay at home policy.

Keeping a 6 foot social distance from others.

CDC recommending wearing faces masks in public.

Local restaurants, grocery stores & pharmacy in Town are following procedures.

The Board will pursue meeting as conference calls on Wednesday @ 5:00PM. Dr. Popik made the Motion. Mr. Redkey seconded the Motion. All in favor.

Ms. McConville Read the Guidance Implementing the order by the governor extending the closing of certain workplaces and the prohibition of gatherings of more than 10 people issued March 31, 2020. Limited purposes and uses for lodging as an essential service.

The Board kindly asked Ms. McConville to recluse the meeting, feeling ill.

Dr. Popik made the motion to suspend all inspections unless they are urgent or an emergency, which puts local public health in danger. Mr. Redkey seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Mr. Redkey introduced the option of the MRC Medical Reserve Corps to assist during this pandemic.

Camp Pineshore: Mr. Simoncini asked for an order rather than granting a waiver. Suggested camp limit number of people using water source to less than 59 days in order to avoid the criteria for DEP registration as a PWS until order is lifted.

5:51 PM Mr. Simoncini called for adjournment. Mr. Redkey seconded.

5:51 PM Meeting adjourned

Dr. Michael Popik

Edward Simoncini

H. Christopher Redkey

Attachments:

State guidance issued 3/31/2020 State guidance lodging