

WINTHROP BOARD of HEALTH EMERGENCY MEETING

September 4, 2020 6:30 PM

REMOTE PARTICIPATION (A. Weins, Host)

MINUTES

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS: Bill Schmidt, Chair; Astrid Weins, Vice Chair; Susan Maguire, Member.

TOWN of WINTHROP: Meredith Hurley, Director Public Health and Clinical Services; Al Legee (at 6:50 pm).

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Schmidt called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Meeting being recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Email received today from J. Wallerice re: political rally held yesterday outside Town Hall and absence of mask by attendees read into the record by S. Maguire. Chair Schmidt stated that political gatherings are exempt from gathering orders. Face covering mandate may apply, though caller W. Millar Page noted that one group identifies themselves as family/household members to be deemed exempt. Action steps: discuss further at 9/15/2020 BoH meeting.

K. Chavis reported good compliance with masks at Precinct 5 on voting day.

W. Millar Page suggested that the Board consider mandating masks in public when the town is deemed 'red', and relax the mandate when yellow or less. A. Weins reinforced masks are a preventive measure and messaging must be clear and consistent.

PURPOSE of MEETING: Town of Winthrop Designation of Enforcement Health Agents

Charged with designating Health Agents for the town, the Board reviewed the draft Order prepared by Chair Schmidt, which would designate M. Hurley, A. Legee, and appropriate staff as Health Agents for the Town. S. Maguire motioned to accept the Order, seconded by A. Weins, approved unanimous. Action steps: Chair Schmidt will finalize the Order and create another Order, which will include the names of the three individuals recommended by M. Hurley.

M. Hurley is creating an Enforcement matrix with checklists and citations for agents. Agents should be ready to begin next Tuesday or Wednesday. S. Maguire recommended that the town be given a 'heads-up' and requested that Board members be given Town IDs. She also offered to attend future planning meetings.

Pop-up testing sites still pending.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING: Given the recent complaints received by the town, Board members agreed spraying streets abutting marshes was indicated. S. Maguire motioned to approve spraying, seconded by A. Weins, motion unanimous. Action Steps: A. Weins will notify NEMMC to spray this week and continue weekly spraying until further notice. Document referenced: A. Weins email of 9/3/2020.

ADJOURNMENT: S. Maguire motioned to adjourn at 7:07 pm, seconded by A. Weins, approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Maguire