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MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2020

Members Present via Remote: Sarah Scheinfein, Robert Thibeault

Members Absent: John Wentzell

Others Present: Dennis Costello

Recorder: Melanie Rich

The remote meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. Roll call was taken for members attending remotely: Sarah Scheinfein and Robert Thibeault. Dennis Costello and Melanie Rich participated from the office. Brittany Blaney-Anderson (WBAC) hosted the meeting.

The Chair announced that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, the Boylston Board of Health meeting will be conducted via remote participation.

AGENT'S REPORT

COVID-19 Virus Update – Dennis said this meeting would be brief because the Governor is scheduled to talk about reopening. The town has 16 positive cases. He contacted the post office about mailing postcards to the residents. They suggested a flyer which is more cost effective; they also said people are more receptive to a flyer than a postcard. He has gone through the guidelines for golf courses and gun ranges. The High School and Grammar School will hold some type of graduation; they wanted it inside; Dennis recommended it be outside. It will be outside with the proper social distancing and guidance. Town meeting is still unsure; logistics are still being worked out. Surgical masks for voting and/or town meeting and four non-contact medical thermometers have been ordered.

He asked the board to think about what they will want to see when the town offices reopen to the public (which he hoped would not be in the near future). Certain things will have to be done; many places are looking at petitions, plexiglass, taking temperatures, etc. We need to narrow down what we want to see for our town, put something together and forward it to the Selectmen; the employees have not been informed of what is being done. We will know more about reopening after the Governor speaks. Dennis said public health wise has been discussed as well as enforcement; documents will be sent to the board later today. He has more conferences this week and will email Sarah the links.

Rob Thibeault made a motion to adjourn; Sarah Scheinfein seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.