BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
May 26, 2020 – MINUTES

Members Present: William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno
Others Present: Meegan Lancaster, Lorna Welch, Bob Whritenour

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

APPOINTMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
• April 28, 2020 - Approved
• May 1, 2020 - Approved

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION:
• Phase One reopening progress and planning

Mr. Whritenour explained that we are a municipal legislative body which is exempt from the State orders. Town meeting was supposed to be April 14th and the moderator would like to have it in June. They are looking to have it on June 16th at the Tabernacle where they feel they can manage social distancing. Mr. Whritenour would like the Board’s advice on whether or not to delay again. Mr. Zinno thought it would be better to have it at the end of June so there are enough people here but not too many. Mr. Butterick stated that one of the health issues would be the porta-pottys. There will be further discussion on this at a later date.

AGENT / ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:
• Testing - Quest plan and others

Tents are getting set up at High School today and first testing will begin on Thursday. Health Agents will review workflow and procedure over the weekend. Grocery stores, fire department, water department will be in the first round of testing. After that people can schedule independently. Alex Schaeffer, Edgartown Fire Chief, is working with EMT’s to do the swabbing. We are then hoping to test Woodside Village and other Island Elderly Housing villages and we would go to them.

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• DPH updates

DPH regulations did not really change over the weekend. Garrett Albiston worked over the weekend to observe and checked the beaches. There were a lot of groups of younger people without masks. The concern is that Circuit Ave is narrow and once things get flowing more people will be too close together.

Ms. Lancaster emailed Todd, Harbor Master, last week to work on organizing cuing areas for the ferries. There has to be a group effort between the town, harbormaster and ferry services. Mr. Zinno stated that the Highline is the most congested area and a plan will need to be worked on. He asked to be updated on the meetings regarding these plans. Ms. Lancaster suggested that the business community get involved.

Mr. Whritenour went to Fin Com last week and the budget for BOH was adjusted for a full-time Health Agent Assistant position. This will still need to go to town meeting for approval. We are working on a job description with Ms. Brough, Assistant Town Administrator. There was further discussion on potential job responsibilities.

Ms. Lancaster received an email stating that the VTA announced that there will not be a limit to the amount of people on the bus which is very concerning.

Mr. Zinno made a motion to adjourn. All if favor.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Welch, Administrative Assistant.