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MEETING MINUTES – May 1, 2020 – 11:00 AM

The Tisbury Board of Health (BOH) held a virtual (Zoom) meeting on Friday, May 1, 2020, at 11:00 AM.

Zoom meeting ID: 934 5263 6406; Dial-in: 1-646-876-9923.

Chairman Pratt called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM.

Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Jeff Pratt, Vice-Chairman Malcolm Boyd, and Dr. Michael Loberg, Clerk. Ms. Maura Valley, Health Agent, was also in attendance.

Commissioner Boyd recused himself from voting on the construction moratorium.

Visitors in attendance were Mr. Ross Seavey, Tisbury Building Inspector; Mr. John Crocker, Tisbury Harbor Master; Mr. David Doneski, Town Counsel; Mr. Josh Goldstein, Mansion House Inn; Mr. Jeff Kristal, Tisbury Selectman; Mr. Jim Rodgers, Tisbury Selectman; and Mr. Rich Salzburg, MV Times.

Items for Discussion:

COVID-19 – Emergency Orders

Ms. Valley reminded the commissioners that the current emergency orders for Tisbury expire this Monday, May 4th. To keep the Town aligned with the Governor's extension of the State guidelines and the other Island towns, extending and updating Tisbury's orders must be reviewed.

Amendment to MV Construction Guidelines – Rules for getting Back-to-work – Extension of Phase 1

The updated guidelines, copies of which were forwarded to the commissioners via email from Mr. Seavey, incorporate house cleaning and keeping services. They also revise COVID-19 symptoms based on conversations with Dr. Henry Nieder and recent updates from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Symptoms now include runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, signs of a fever, a cough, shortness of breath, and loss of smell within the past 72 hours. The guidelines also contain non-criminal disposition language for non-compliant individuals and businesses.

The commissioners voted to accept the amendments to Phase 1. Commissioner Boyd recused himself from the vote.

Discuss and Adopt Phase 1.5 – Back-to-work Guidelines for Construction Crews

Phase 1.5 guidelines amend Phase 1 to allow for up to five (5) people to work together and permit interior work under some circumstances, effective May 11th. Mr. Seavey stated that general contractors and supervisors are responsible for managing their employees and scheduling subcontractors to limit the maximum of (5) workers on a job site. They must also keep up with the Town-required paperwork.

Tisbury building inspectors conduct job site inspections to ensure compliance with the guidelines.

Mr. Doneski recommended that "is advised" be dropped from the 2nd point, the last two (2) words in the 3rd sentence.

In response to Commissioner Loberg's concern, Ms. Valley stated that the Island health agents are in discussions regarding the development of an educational presentation regardless of the industry for a better understanding of their business and employees' needs. It is possible that such a document is available and can be borrowed from another municipality. Mr. Seavey added that the Vineyard Business Association is developing an awareness program.

The commissioners voted to accept and adopt Phase 1.5, effective May 11th through 18th, with Mr. Doneski's recommended revision.

Ms. Valley stated that Phase 2.0 is currently under development and will need to be reviewed at a future meeting.

Extension of the Construction Moratorium

Ms. Valley reminded the commissioners that the current moratorium is in effect through May 4th. The amended Phase 1 order extends the moratorium to May 11th. Phase 1.5 extends the period to May 18th, at which time Phase 2 will go into effect if it is adopted by the Town.

Chairman Pratt read aloud the 3rd supplemental and extension of the emergency order for the temporary construction moratorium for all construction projects in Tisbury.

The commissioners voted to adopt the revised order, effective May 18th.

The 2nd supplemental and extension of the emergency stay at home order is an extension to the current order, with a couple of changes—it removes the clause that prohibited food service establishments that were not open at the time of the emergency order to remain closed. Such establishments can now open provided that their service is limited to take-out/curbside pick-up only. Dining in is not permitted. Additionally, patrons will not be allowed to enter the establishment without the specific approval of an operational plan by the BOH, who will require inspections.

The commissioners voted to approve the 2nd supplemental extension.

With no further business to conduct, the Board of Health commissioners adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek
Administrative Secretary

Document(s)

The Board of Health commissioners accept the meeting minutes, dated May 1, 2020, as presented.

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