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MEETING MINUTES – May 15th, 2020 – 12:30 PM

The Tisbury Board of Health (BOH) held a virtual/Zoom meeting on Friday, May 15th, 2020, at 12:30 PM.

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

Chairman Pratt called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

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

Commissioner Boyd joined the meeting at 12:32 PM.

Visitors in attendance were Mr. Ross Seavey, Tisbury Building Inspector; Ms. Pam Bennett, Tisbury Human Resources representative; Fire Chief Jon Schilling; Fire Chief Leland; Mr. Josh Goldstein, Mansion House Inn; and Mr. Jeff Kristal, Tisbury Selectman.

Items for Discussion:

COVID-19 – Emergency Orders

This “special” meeting was scheduled for the express purpose of discussing emergency orders, which are due to expire on Monday, May 18th, and to see if the commissioners want to take action on Phase 2 of the back-to-work guidelines. However, Ms. Valley recommended taking no action until Governor Baker announces his plans for reopening Massachusetts on Monday, May 18th. At that point, the Town can hopefully align with the state’s guidelines. If Town officials believe the Governor’s order is not comprehensive enough, the Town orders can be revised.

Back-to-work Guidelines – Phase 2

Mr. Seavey summarized the critical points of Phase 2 and explained the differences between Phases 1.5 and 2.

Phase 1.5 limits job sites to a limit of five (5) workers. Phase 2 increases the worker limit to ten (10) and makes a “long-form” available if a site needs to have more than the maximum allowed. Completed forms will be reviewed and approved by the building and health departments to ensure that the job site is adequate to handle more than ten (10) workers in terms of available parking, hygiene facilities, and square footage of the structure to avoid overcrowding.

Phases 1 and 1.5 allowed one (1) worker per vehicle, which originated from the State’s guidelines and challenging to enforce. Building inspectors would prefer to provide guidance on how to travel safely.

There’s a new requirement for one (1) bathroom facility for every eight (8) people on the job site. In other words, two (2) facilities must be available for ten (10) workers. If portable restrooms are in use, they must be pumped and cleaned twice weekly by the rental company.

Daily reports required by the Town will be reduced in phase 2 to include a daily wellness questionnaire and cleaning log.

The actual number of workers allowed on a job site must be posted at the site for easy viewing by inspectors.

Ms. Valley clarified that these are health protocols for working safely on construction sites, effective May 18th. They will remain in effect indefinitely as no future phases are planned at this time.

The commissioners voted to adopt phase 2 of the back-to-work guidelines for construction services.

Ms. Valley confirmed that the next BOH meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th, at 11 AM, when the new State guidelines will be reviewed.

With no further business to conduct, the Board of Health commissioners adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Soushek
Administrative Secretary

Document(s)

The Board of Health commissioners accept the meeting minutes, dated May 15, 2020, as presented.

Date: 6/30/20

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