**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
Monday, December 7th, 2020
4:30 P.M.**

**Members present:** Daniel Doyle, Chairman
Alyce Kendrick, Vice Chair
Marc DelGrande
Edward Gero
Andy Perenick

**Health Agent:** Jayne Smith

**Also present:** Brittany Miller, Recording Secretary
 Leslie Blake-Davis
 Jared Shannon, Athletic Director at Wahconah High School
 Dustin Belcher

**Members excused/ absent:**

Chair Doyle opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

**Intro.** “Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Board of Health will be conducted via remote participation. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the open session portion of the meeting may do so by viewing on Dalton Community Television on one of three channels: 1301, 1302, or 1303. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the open session portion of the proceedings in real-time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town’s website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.”

**Minutes:**

* **10/5/20** D.D. motioned to approve the October minutes, E.G. seconded. A.P. & M.D. abstain. Roll call vote: D.Doyle, “yes”, E.Gero “yes”, A.Kendrick “yes”.

**Citizen’s Speak:**

* None.

 **COVID-19 Updates:**

* **Situational Update**Post Office employees *are* supposed to wear masks. And they were wearing them today.
* **Dalton’s COVID Policies & Plan**-Dr. Doyle reportsthat we’re in the yellow. 12 active cases in Dalton since December 1st from people interacting in the workplace. 40 people with COVID in the hospital currently. The Governor is setting up free testing.
* **CBRSD School Closure**
-Leslie Blake-Davis reports that Wahconah High School decided to conduct themselves remotely until Martin Luther King Day. The COVID exposures they have had happened outside of school. More will be known in January of rapid testing on students and staff, which could be done on-site via the school nurse and results tend to be quick. The School Committee voted to start up athletic sports, for if they don’t build in some conditioning they won’t be able to do any athletics come hybrid time. The school is confident they will conduct classes in a hybrid fashion.
-Jared Shannon, Athletic Director added that sports are to engage kids, get them moving, improve mental health, and are not about trophies. Hockey was excluded because there is no one to play against. Basketball will be modified. It is the same kids interacting at the CRA and at Wahconah – they want to be on the same page.
* **Winter Sports Programs (School & CRA)**While J.Shannon focuses on grades 9-12, Dustin Belcher focuses on grades K-8. Training only, competition will not start again until people are back in school in-person. Each team will have a roster that will not exceed 8 players, 2 coaches. At NO time will the gym have more than 25 people in it. Each quarter will be 8 minutes in length, NO halftime. Mask breaks will be 1 minute and 15 seconds in designated areas. Activities will go on inside the CRA and DYC buildings only, sanitization regularly, one person in the bathroom at a time, air purifiers utilized, and no spectators besides 1 parent per young kid once/ week for an hour.
D.Doyle comments that behavior at home is a huge part of there being more disease in the community or not. And socially *uncontrolled* contact is the problem as well as travel, not controlled sports. This is worth a try or else all people have are a long, dark winter ahead of them.
A.Perenick comments that he is in favor and we can always call it off if something goes wrong.
D.Doyle motioned in favor of The CRA’s proposal for winter sports programs and to revisit program expansion of when schools are back in session, E.G. seconded. Roll call vote: D.Doyle, “yes”, E.Gero “yes”, A.Kendrick “yes”, A.Perenick “yes”, M.DelGrande “yes”.
* **Winter Holiday Events**
“Winter Wonderland” has been created this year similar to the Festival of Trees but outside; and it will have all of the same guidelines as Dalton’s Halloween walk that replaced Trick or Treat. I.e. registering ahead of time, socially distancing, masks, and the same designated walking path. There will be 20 trees lit up, each business will decorate one. Photo opportunity inside the gazebo; a Christmas story to read along the way; no Santa. It will be left up later for the community to view. Opening night is December 19th, 2020.

**Recycling:**

* **Chapter 270: Solid Waste Regulations for Generators – Revisions from Town Council**Generators are clarified as anyone who makes trash.
60 days’ notice is ensured to haulers at a time determined by the Board of Health prior to the start of enforcement.
J.Smith provided a timeline of this subject- right now she is in the middle of finalizing the grant and just put together the EEC plan, the program will be committed to by end of this week. This regulation doesn’t need to be mailed out until enforcement begins.
A.Perenick motioned to table the matter to allow more time to review the bylaw, D.Doyle seconded. Roll call vote: D.Doyle, “yes”, E.Gero “yes”, A.Kendrick “yes”, A.Perenick “yes”, M.DelGrande “yes”.

 **Remarks:**

* **Board of Health Vacancy-** This was Marc DelGrande’s last meeting, as he is moving to Peru. Marc recommends Josh Kilmer, a close friend of his to fill the spot that he will reach out to.

**Adjourn:**D.D. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. E.G. seconded. Roll call vote: D.Doyle, “yes”, E.Gero “yes”, A.Kendrick “yes”, A.Perenick “yes”, M.DelGrande “yes”.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Miller
Recording Secretary

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 4th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.*