**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
Monday, April 6th, 2020
4:30 P.M.**

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

**Health Agent:** Jayne Smith

**Also present:** Brittany Miller, Recording Secretary
 Kenneth Walto, Town Manager
 Daniel Filiault

**Members excused/ absent:**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:**

**Minutes:**

* Deferred to next meeting.

 **New Issues:**

* **COVID-19 Updates
-EMS Notification of COVID-19 Cases:** A Cumberland Farms employee whom last worked on March 24th, 2020 is exhibiting symptoms and will be receiving an order of quarantine pending a test that needs to be performed within two weeks of said date. The Regional Manager was contacted; the issue will be resolved by tomorrow. There will be dividers and masks required for employees, as well as sanitizing procedures discussed.
D.Filiault suggests notifying the Police/ Fire Departments of the COVID case, if it’s a positive result.
**-Lodging:** D.Doyle suggests notifying short term rentals/ Airbnb owners of their new restriction due to the pandemic. Smith reads the letter, ‘On March 31st, 2020 guidance was issued on the Governor’s issue for COVID-19 concerning lodging. This guide has the force of law in Massachusetts and prohibits lodging unless it falls under essential categories. Lodging offered, operated or employed for purposes other than those listed in section 1 does not constitute COVID-19 essential service. Provision of occupancy for leisure, vacation, or other purpose not listed in section 1 of the guidance may not continue as of April 1st, 2020. Persons occupying lodging as of March 31st, 2020 may remain in their current lodging through the end of their originally scheduled stay but may not extend past this unless listed in section 1. Future reservations follow this mandate as well during the COVID-19 case.’ Discussion: 31 days or less for essential workers. D.Doyle motioned to adopt the letter, E.G. seconded. All in favor.
**-Berkshire County ARC:** BCARC is a day program for people with disabilities, which is staffed 24/7, in Alford. This organization has reached out to J.Smith as they are looking to convert their facility into a temporary housing situation for isolated COVID-19 patients to alleviate hospitals. Our Fire Chief and Building Commissioner have been contacted for their feedback; Pittsfield and Lee are working with them on this already.
**-Food Establishments:** All food establishments are limiting to takeout and delivery. J.Smith will be doing a quick restaurant check making sure rules are being abided by. **-Parks:** Shared by K.Walto, the parks are closed though the Select Board never ordered this formally as a Parks Commission.  **-Website:** J.Smith and Town Planner, Rebecca Slick are working on a website that is dedicated to COVID-19 information since things are being changed daily in our nation, it will be online this week: Dalton.gov/covid19
D.Doyle refers to the MAVEN website that is updated daily with a record of COVID positive lab results/ addresses/ phone numbers, etc. for the Public Health Nurse to contact individuals.  **-Other:**-D.Doyle shares information for a 30 min. teleconference organized with Sue Kelly for those at the Board of Health level which will discuss county wide efforts on COVID-19. Doyle tells fellow members to email him to be put on the list should they want to be involved.-J.Smith shares thatthe State is asking us to not talk about specific COVID cases.
-Board members can report gatherings or other dicey situations observed to Smith.
-D.Doyle motioned to recommend that essential businesses/ restaurant employees interfacing with the public wear masks. E.G. seconded. Discussion: Doyle said people should make their own masks even if they aren’t surgical N-95 ones, it’s better than an N-zero. All in favor.

 **Continuing Issues:**

* **Recycling/ Hauler Regulations Update & Enforcement Coordinator Grant**-Delayed implementation until July 1st, 2020.
-The Enforcement Coordinator position cannot be interviewed for at this time due to the world-wide pandemic, but there may be some flexibility on deadlines. The matter is tabled.
* **Mosquito Spraying**

Dalton has received a preliminary quote of $18,000 annually for Berkshire Mosquito Control District services. This includes everything from mapping of breeding sites, larval surveillance and control, source reduction/drainage maintenance, arbovirus/adult mosquito surveillance, adult mosquito control/arbovirus response. This information will be forwarded to the Select Board. D.Doyle recommends that the Select Board considers mosquito spraying due to West Nile Virus cases he has seen in our hospital. D.Doyle motioned to participate in the program, M.DelGrande seconded. Discussion: per E.Gero’s inquiry, J.Smith will contact Chris Horton to ask whether this would be a widespread spray or spot spraying. D.Doyle amended his motion to reflect that this will come before the Board of Health again in one month, E.G. seconded. All in favor.

* **Abandoned Houses
59 East St., 63 E. Housatonic St., 519 Kirchner Rd., 727 Old Windsor Rd., & 463 High St.**
There is nothing to report at this time.
* **Housatonic Valley Association**There is nothing to report at this time.
* **190 Hubbard Ave. – Silica Dust Resident Concern**
J.Smith sent an email to DEP’s Mark Stinson requesting information on any additional sound studies done for this site, there has not yet been a reply. The Board plans to reach out and see what parameters are being done around this concern. They will check with the DEP’s expectation for aerosol contamination from stone dust, then ask owner, Ray Robert what he’s doing and if these two match up. M.DelGrande comments that Robert’s special permit includes the bylaw on buffer/ barrier requirements in section 2 which we can look into as well.
* **Ethics Training**Due by April 1st, 2020. One yet to be sworn-in member has yet to complete their training.

**Adjourn:**The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Miller
Recording Secretary

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 4th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Callahan Room of the Dalton Town Hall.*