**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
Monday, August 3rd, 2020
4:30 P.M.**

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

**Health Agent:** Jayne Smith

**Also present:** Brittany Miller, Recording Secretary
 Leslie Blake-Davis, CBRSD
 Greg Boino

**Members excused/ absent:** Marc DelGrande

Chair Doyle opened the meeting at 4:35 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:**

* **7/6/20** D.D. motioned to accept the July minutes as presented, E.G. seconded. All in favor.

 **New Business:**

* **COVID-19 Updates
-**Doctor’s report**-** D.Doyle shared that he has seen an increase of cases lately via interstate travel. There are 1,000 tests being done per week (2,200 in the past 2 weeks) with a 1% positive rate in a county of 125,000 people.
-Health Agent’s report- J.Smith discussed her work with our businesses in town. For COVID safe designation, Great Barrington uses a different approach of granting certification wherein businesses can contact the COVID Safe Program group to get certified/ a sticker stating they are a safe community. J.Smith would like to recruit volunteers to complete her contact information for Dalton businesses.
-CBRSD School Reopening Update- Leslie Blake-Davis provided information this meeting for the CBRSD Fall COVID-19 Health & Safety plan ‘developed in consultation with pediatricians, infectious disease physicians, other medical advisers, and the COVID-19 Command Center’s Medical Advisory Board, and including a review of CDC and WHO guidance’. The academic year will be in the form of a hybrid model for most schools. The key components for success are: masks (required for staff/ visitors/ vendors/ grade 2 students and up and strongly encouraged for kindergarten and grade 1; exceptions for meals/ breaks/ and medical reasons permitted), hand washing/ sanitizing, a 6 ft. physical distance (3 feet is the minimum allowed), creating cohorts wherever possible (aka self-contained groups) of students to limit interaction with others, movement protocol to avoid crowding, disinfection of surfaces with a UV light, increasing ventilation in the building, and isolation of people with symptoms. A communication plan for COVID-19 events is outlined wherein a symptomatic child is isolated, the nurse will call parents to pick their child up and they are given a handout with testing sites and protocol for returning to school. Discussion:
E.Gero inquired about bussing protocol. To this, children will have assigned, socially distant seating. Families can opt out and drive their child to school as well. Having a hybrid model means fewer kids to interact among each other and potentially infect.
A.Perenick complimented those who put on the recent socially distant WRHS graduation so successfully.
-MA COVID-19 Travel Order went into effect as of August 1st. While there has not been much research yet on how to manage, J.Smith believes this is the Board of Health’s responsibility to enforce. Meanwhile the rate of COVID has plateaued for now until the school reopening that is suspected to climb some.
-MAVEN Report and Updates on 2020 Flu Clinics (BPHA)
The yearly diseases reported to MAVEN from 7/1/19-6/30/20:
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| Calicivirus/Norovirus | 4  CONFIRMED |
| Group B streptococcus | REVOKED |
| Hepatitis C | 2  CONFIRMED |
| Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis | CONFIRMED   2 SUSPECT |
| Influenza | 50  CONFIRMED |
| Lyme Disease | 18  SUSPECT |
| Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc) | 16 CONFIRMED |

* **Bacterial Report for Housatonic Water Shed**Upstream from Wahconah Falls, levels have been creeping up. As this area is not yet tested, J.Smith will post laminated signs of caution.
* **Health Agent Appointment**J.Smith will be in office Monday’s, Tuesday’s and Thursday’s.

**Old Business:**

* **Recycling/ Hauler Regulations Update & Enforcement Coordinator Grant**
Waiting for feedback from DEP.
* **Abandoned Houses
59 East St.**There is nothing to report at this time. **63 E. Housatonic St.**E.Gero mentioned there being 2-3 vehicles at this address and a lot of activity. J.Smith will follow up on whether this is a condemned home or not. **519 Kirchner Rd.**There has been a complaint regarding un-cut grass. As no luck came from contacting the company who is supposed to maintain it, pressure will be put on the bank next.  **727 Old Windsor Rd.**There is nothing to report at this time.
**463 High St.**Waiting for courts to re-open.
* **Mosquito Spraying**
A representative from Berkshire Mosquito Control District is invited to our next meeting to answer any questions.

**Adjourn:**D.D. adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Miller
Recording Secretary

*The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, September 7th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.*