6:30 P.M.    Online Zoom Meeting called to order

6:32 P.M.    Avalon Pool Discussion

In Attendance for this Agenda item:   John Lawson, Avalon

Mr. Lawson has been unable to hire lifeguards for the Avalon pool due to COVID-19 and is requesting a variance to not have lifeguards. Mr. Lawson is proposing that residents would sign a waiver that they are aware a lifeguard is not on duty, limit the number of guests, alcohol prohibited in pool area, and pool would be opened to residents only. Dr. Lawrence recommended Mr. Lawson reach out to The Cohasset Swim Center and The Sandy Beach Association to see if they may have names of some lifeguards that might be interested. Ms. Fahey mentioned pools would not open until Phase 2 of the States re-opening plan which would be June 8th. Mr. Lawson will call the Cohasset Swim Center and the Sandy Beach Association to inquire. Ms. Fahey will inspect the Avalon pool on Thursday May 28th.

MOTIONED BY:   Dr. Lawrence motioned that the Board grant a waiver to Avalon to enable them to open the pool June 8, 2020 with the intent that management will pursue hiring lifeguards, so the waiver will no longer be required. Further the Board requires that Avalon management report to Pam Fahey within two weeks with an update with how many lifeguards have been hired. Ms. Fahey has the authorization to remove the waiver at that point if lifeguards are hired, or the waiver stays in place if lifeguards are not hired.

SECONDED BY:   Dr. Pollastri

VOTE:   3-0 MOTION CARRIED

7:00 P.M.    Approve Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2020

MOTIONED BY   Dr. Lawrence

SECONDED BY:   Dr. Pollastri

VOTE:   3-0 MOTION CARRIED

7:02 P.M.    Set Next Meeting Date:   Wednesday June 24, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

7:05 P.M.    Health Agent Report

Ms. Fahey has been working with local businesses on Phase 2 of the States reopening guidelines and sending the Board the following weekly reports.
APPROVED

Public Health Director Weekly Report

Week Ending May 1, 2020 COVID-19:

- Continued to have daily calls each morning with senior emergency management leadership.
- DPH call – governor to issue mandatory face mask wearing. Still waiting for guidance for summer related activities – promised by May 18th.
- Created and distributed posters at supermarkets displaying how to wear a face mask. Presented to both store managers.
- Spoke with various business owners regarding how to open / operate safely. Set up a meeting with JJ's owner on Tuesday and will meet with two members of CPD to discuss traffic issues before opening.
- Had Zoom call with Jack Creighton, Rolf Gjestebly (commodore of yacht club), Sean Keneally (dock master of sailing club), Chief Silvia, Lt. Greg Lennon and harbormaster to discuss opening marinas and boat ramps. New DPH guidance was issued on April 27th – families only on boats, no tie up, no launch service, social distancing on ramps. Rolf Gjestebly will be attending a regional meeting and will report back to the group with best practices.
- Gave a presentation / update to the Board of Selectmen at Tuesday night meeting.
- Factsheets were distributed to landscapers and additional mandatory mask signs were distributed to open businesses.
- Sent out food safety best practices to Nancy LaFauce for volunteers looking to make soup for elders.
- Approved health & safety plans for proposed work at Osgood fields and CYBSA fields.
- Corresponded with Avalon regarding pool. May need to add them to next BOH as they need will be requesting a variance to not staff lifeguards.

Public Health Director Weekly Report

Week Ending May 8, 2020 COVID-19:

- Continued to have daily calls each morning with senior emergency management leadership.
- DPH call – Still waiting for guidance for summer related activities – promised by May 18th. Town recreation, pools and beaches waiting for information. Impacts as to which businesses will reopen and which will remain closed will also be determined.
- Marina/boating guidance was released, however, it only provided minimal guidance. Will attend the virtual Harbor Committee meeting next Tuesday to discuss how each group/committee will develop a plan to meet guidelines. Previously, I received a plan from Jack Buckley for CSCR.
- Working with JJs Dairy Hut owner to develop a plan to open safely. Discussing an alternative traffic flow plan to make entrance/exit one way, northbound only.
- Gave a presentation / update to the Board of Selectmen at Tuesday night meeting.
- Approved a health & safety plan for Senior night from high school principal Brian Scott. A company will construct a temporary drive-in at the Music Circus to show the senior video. All students will remain in their cars for the event and two CPD officers will control traffic in and out.
- Avalon will be on the agenda on May 26 to request a variance to not staff lifeguards at their pool this summer
- Sent a letter to South Shore Athletic Club due to a health emergency violation. Three friends of the owners were in the club working out. All gyms are closed to the public.
APPROVED

- Town emergency management leadership team and the Sandy Beach Association agreed to open Sandy Beach at 6:00 am instead of 7:00 am at the request of a resident.
- Spoke with business owners regarding operating safely – South Shore Pool Supply, Village Greenery and opening back up – Lenny’s Hideaway, Salon Fringe.
- DPH released guidance for golf courses that are now allowed to reopen with limits. Went over the guidance with Jim Simmons, manager of Cohasset Golf Club.
- Zoom call with someone looking to open a deli at 15 Depot Court.
- Attended virtual annual CSCR State of the Harbor presentation.
- Met with Matt Murmes at South Shore Car Wash. Car washes are non-essential, but he appealed to Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) via Representative Meschino’s office indicating that he owned an automatic car wash. The Director of EOHED responded that an “automatic car wash” with no workers (other than the owner) could be allowed to open. Matt was told that the town would allow opening to members only and no staff onsite. He may wait until May 18th.

Public Health Director Weekly Report

Week Ending May 15, 2020 COVID-19:

- Continued to have daily calls each morning with senior emergency management leadership.
- DPH call – Phased opening begins on Monday. The set of broad standards regarding social distancing, hygiene, etc. will still need to be met by all businesses regardless of business classification. Guidance for selected specific businesses, camps, etc. to be rolled out Monday.
- Attended the virtual Harbor Committee meeting next Tuesday to discuss how each group/committee will develop a plan to meet guidelines. CYC, sailing club, CMI and Cohasset Conservation Trust will provide plans. Provided a template to a member of each team. Advised Conservation Trust to wait to see if there is hotel/motel guidance on Monday.
- Met with Lilly Sestito and Lt. Mike Lopes. Set up a U-shaped drive through configuration for JJs Dairy Hut to open safely. Traffic flow will be entrance/exit one way, northbound only. JJs to open next week.
- Permitted and inspected Del’s store and ice cream truck. Store will open next week and will be modified for customer flow one-in/one-out. Workers will be wearing masks and gloves. Sanitizer is available for customers and workers. No unwrapped food. Truck will drive around Scituate and Hingham.
- Gave a presentation / update to the Board of Selectmen at Tuesday night meeting.
- Approved a health & safety plan from high school principal Brian Scott for Seniors to pick up diplomas and have their family picture taken. There will be 20’ distance between families (not wearing masks) and photographer (wearing mask). Event will take place at the Music Circus. Parking lot will allow 20 families at a time. Event will take place over the course of 6 hours. Two CPD officers will control traffic in and out.
- Last week sent a letter to South Shore Athletic to keep people out of their gym. Received a call from the gym owner complaining about specific non-essential businesses that were still operating. In response, I contacted Darilynn’s, Ports & Co., and Outside-In and determined that business was being conducted by pickup or delivery. No one is entering these stores.
- Confirmed with manager of Cohasset Golf Club that tennis was not being played. Question was from Hingham Health Director where private clubs were incorrectly allowing tennis.
- Spoke with Diana Karcher – town pool will be closed this summer. Decision was made by Board of Managers who voted unanimously to close. Will focus on making improvements to open pools and facility.
Public Health Director Weekly Report
Week Ending May 22, 2020 COVID-19:

- Continued to have daily calls each morning with senior emergency management leadership.
- DPH call – Phase 1 reopening was discussed. May 18, 2020 openings included Houses of Worship, Construction, Manufacturing and Retail curbside only. May 25, 2020 opening includes recreational fields and courts (with restrictions), offices (25% capacity), car washes, hair salons/barber shops, pet grooming.
- Reached out to all hair salons and the barbershop to send guidance and make them aware of self-certification requirement.
- Approved plan for reopening Cohasset Yacht Club. They will be opening this weekend launching boats. The actual building will be closed, including bathrooms. Bathrooms will open next week in an isolated manner with a cleaning plan in place.
- Attended a meeting with Harbor master and emergency management group to decide who will enforce rules this summer on Bassing Beach and the spit. Choices included Scituate PD, Mass Environmental Police or Cohasset PD. Decided Cohasset PD would assist Harbormaster controlling harbor and environs. Information was shared with Tim Davis, Harbor Committee Chair.
- Inspected JJs Dairy Hut prior to reopening on Tuesday with new parking lot/ordering reconfiguration.
- Gave a presentation / update to the Board of Selectmen at Tuesday night meeting.
- Scheduled mosquito spraying Music Circus parking area prior to Town Meeting on Tuesday June 16th. Town meeting will be a drive-in format in Music Circus parking lot.
- Responded to mask-wearing complaints at Curtis Liquors, Village Greenery and UPS store.
- Drafted posters for athletic fields and courts, the marina area, and beaches. Sent to Goodwin Graphics for printing.
- Received calls concerning the swarm of midges emanating from Straight’s Pond. I reached out to Brian Joyce, who called Hull DPW and they claim that the gates are open allowing for flow. The automatic gate will be fixed, but it should not be the cause of the problem. I reached out to Plymouth County Mosquito Control. I then left messages with Blake Dinius, Plymouth County entomologist and Dan Daly, PCMC local outreach contact.

7:10 P.M. Public Health Nurse Report
Ms. Goodwin reached out to group homes making sure they have masks and policies in place for their residents. Ms. Goodwin checked in with Sunrise their residents are having their temperatures checked twice a day and Sunrise has good procedures in place. Ms. Goodwin has been sending the Board the following weekly reports.
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Number of cases recovered from COVID 19: 15
Hospitalized cases: Unknown
Deaths: 0
Contacts traced: 33

**Investigation and Surveillance:** Ongoing confirmed case investigations are initiated within 24 hours of notification of confirmed case. Close contacts are identified and then shared with a school nurse. She makes calls the contact on Day 1, Day 7 and Day 14. New this week – confirmed cases who complete their isolation period and then are identified as a close contact do not need to quarantine as they are considered immune. Also new – health care workers who are asymptomatic and tested and are positive need to be isolated from work for 10 days.

Serology testing has begun and being offered at various sites. At this time the IgG antibody is being detected which usually is developed about 9 days after illness. Testing is voluntary and most insurances are covering it. Mass DPH is working on further guidance for local BOH’s re: what test result mean and what type of investigation is needed.

Sunrise Assisted Living – Testing was performed by the National Guard on 4/26/20 of most residents and all staff. 5 residents were not tested for various reasons. Results: 1 positive result in a staff member. That person is isolated at home, residents’ temperatures and symptoms checks are performed twice a day.

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Mary Goodwin
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT
WEEK ENDING 5/8/20

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Number of cases recovered from COVID 19: 18
Hospitalized cases: Unknown
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Antibody testing continues to be an evolving situation. As of this week anyone with a positive IgG should be treated like a probable case and advised to have PCR testing done. PCR testing always trumps antibody testing. MDPH does not recommend antibody testing currently for individuals. Guidance changing frequently on this.

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**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT**  
**WEEK ENDING 5/15/20**

Total Number of confirmed COVID 19 cases: 23  
Total number of Probable cases: 13  
Number of cases recovered from COVID 19: 18  
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Dropped off 72 cloth masks to 72, 74 Elm Street Group homes. Spoke with Patrick, manager. Residents are screened twice a day for Covid-19 symptoms, at this point are not going to work daily. He did say it is difficult keeping masks on residents when out in the community so have been limiting time out of home.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary Goodwin

7:15 P.M.
**MOTION BY:** Dr. Pollastri to adjourn meeting at 7:20 PM
**SECONDED BY:** Ms. Doxey
**VOTE:** 3-0 MOTION CARRIED