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## MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Mattapoisett Council on Aging and Zoom

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BOARD PRESENT: Carmelo Nicolosi, Russell Bailey, Ken Dawicki

Present at location: Kayla Davis, Marianne DeCosta

Virtual Participants: Amanda Stone, Emily Field, Marilou Newell, COA Director

## NOTES

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- 1) Discussion with Mattapoisett Public Health Nurse's regarding COVID-19.  
The Nurses were not both on the Zoom call yet so will come back to Update

Returned to Public Health Nurse Update:

Ms. Field spoke on the issues at the school. She attended the School Committee meeting where they heard concerns about the re-opening of K-2 schools for in person learning. This was passed and will begin on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. There is some controversy among parents. She said that the data supports that there have been no in school transmission of the virus, but that does not mean that the children will not transmit the virus.

Ms. Field stated that the Town is approved to inoculate residents and that will be rolled out as the phases require and that also depends on the vaccines that we receive. The Town is involved with Marion, Rochester, and Wareham to vaccinate the first Responders, Fire and Police EMS etc. personnel if there is a minimum of 200 persons. The rollout will be updated on the Town's website.

Mr. Dawicki asked if someone works out of state, and they are an essential worker, where do they get the vaccine?

Ms. Field said that Mattapoisett Residents have done it both ways.

Mr. Bailey asked how many active cases there are right now. The answer is 23.

Mr. Dawicki asked if the numbers will be re-set like they are with the flu numbers that are reset after flu season. Ms. Field said as this is a new virus they probably will not be. Ms. Stone said she can submit that question to the State on one of her calls.

Ms. Field said that due to the Holidays and travel the contact tracing has increased and the Nurses are keeping up at this time but there will also be the possibility that the Town can ask for assistance from the CDC. This does take longer. Ms. Stone stated that she thinks that people are more

eager to share the contact information because they are contacted by the Public Health Nurses from Mattapoisett than if it were others. That people have a certain level of trust in them. The Chairman Thanked the Public Health Nurses for their invaluable work on behalf of the Board and the Community.

Questions from Board Yes

Mr. Bailey asked how many cases since they have started keeping track? 293

How many hospitalizations? Ms. Stone said they can't give an exact number because people have gone into the ER, and some have stayed in the hospital. The number is a small percentage.

How many deaths? Ms. Stone said over 3 but less than 6 – this is not an exact figure as some people die from co-morbidities that they may not have died from if they had not gotten Covid-19. The website shows the breakdown of who/when will get the vaccine.

Ms. Stone said that when people get the first vaccine, they are not immune and should still practice social distancing and wear a mask until after the booster (second) shot.

Ms. Stone also mentioned that there is confusion about age groups and Phases. This is all on the website.

The Chairman thanks both Ms. Stone and Ms. Field for all their efforts during this unprecedented time.

## 2) Discussion to adopt Mattapoisett Board of Health Motel, Hotel Regulation.

The Agent, Kayla Davis sat down with the owner of The Hillside Motel and she agreed with the regulations and signed as her support. Confirmed definitions, length of time in one room at 3 weeks so that they can do deep cleaning. The efficiency units (2) have a limit of 90 days. The regulation on animals is important because the owner has reservations enforcing it. The regulation would be that pets are prohibited except for service, comfort, and support animals. The smoking regulation states no smoking in rooms and not within 10' of a door.

Mr. Bailey asked if this includes marijuana as well. The Agent said that the definition of smoking includes vaping, tobacco, and marijuana products.

Mr. Bailey asked if the Inn at Shipyard park needs a Hotel license because it has rooms upstairs. The Agent said she would have to research it as she looked in the file and they do not have previous licenses in there.

Mr. Bailey asked if monthly, weekly, and daily rentals would fall under this Regulation. The Agent explained that the State produced new regulations that will include these and will make the individual Towns responsible.

Mr. Bailey asked about the long-term animals might be made exceptions as families that have to go there might have a family pet. Mr. Dawicki said that maybe the allowance of animals could be left up to the owner's discretion.

As far as the smoking regulation the owner has suggested authorized smoking areas with chairs away from people's doors/rooms where she could put signs to allow smoking. The Agent said that she can get some signs for her from the state BOH.

Under the cooking regulations it specifies that the two efficiency units allow cooking and the regular rooms do not. The use of hotplates is regulated by the Fire Department.

Mr. Dawicki pointed out that under the heating regulation there should be wording to include 'portable space heaters' The Agent will add that to the final draft.

There is a 'Request of Relief' clause where the owner can request a longer stay from the Board for extenuating circumstances such as Eversource working at a job for an extended period.

The agent stated that these Regulations will be enforced by the Board of Health and that she will need an effective date.

Mr. Bailey asked if these Regulations must be approved by the Town or looked at by Town Counsel.

Mr. Dawicki explained that they would if they were by-laws, but Regulations can be approved by the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Dawicki to approved Regulations as drafted and to add that the allowance of animals can be made at owners' discretion and that the heating units shall include 'portable space heaters' to be effective upon signing.  
Seconded by Mr. Bailey Voted 3-0-0

3) Approve meeting minutes from December 2nd, 2020.

Mr. Dawicki made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 meeting.  
Seconded by Mr. Bailey Voted 3-0-0

Mr. Bailey asked about the loader at the landfill. The Chairman stated that the estimate came in at \$25,000 and in speaking with the Town Administrator, Mike Lorenzo instead of paying for it to get fixed a smaller loader should be purchased. It was noted that there is value in the loader as is. Mr. Bailey asked Kayla Davis, the Health Agent about the new Perc Test Regulations. She will work on a draft for the next meeting.

The Chairman called for any questions or Comments from the Public

Marilou Newell from the Wanderer asked a question regarding the use of marijuana at the Motel/Hotel. The health Agent said that marijuana use is not allowed in Public Areas. She also asked about the comment that the Inn at Shipyard Park does not have a Hotel license and does not have a previous one of file. The Chairman said that there may be some previous licenses in the archived records.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2021  
Will use the same set up at COA with Zoom

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn was made at 11:13 by Mr. Dawicki  
Seconded by Mr. Bailey Voted 3-0-0

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Carmelo Nicolosi 

Kenneth Dawicki 

Russell Bailey 