

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting: October 1, 2020

In attendance: Katie Goldrick, Kat Tribulski, Abbey Myers

Absent: David Reilly

Open meeting: 6:30pm

Katie Goldrick: Agenda item #1 – Phase 3, Step2 updates.

Abbey Myers: Phase 3, Step 2 updates: starts October 5th, and is limited to lower risk communities. This includes anyone who has not been in a red community for three or more weeks. If that happens, we would go back to Phase 3, Step 1. Phase 3, Step 2 involves:

- Indoor performance venues will be permitted to open with a 50% capacity with a max of 200 people.
- Outdoor performance venue is 15% with a max of 250.
- Arcades and indoor and outdoor recreational businesses
- Trampolines, obstacle courses, roller rinks, laser tag will also be permitted to open and will increase to 50% capacity.
- Fitting rooms will be permitted in all types of retail stores
- Gyms, museums, libraries, driving schools and flight schools will also be permitted to increase it to 50% capacity.
- Indoor gatherings still remain at 25 for all communities
- Outdoor gatherings at outdoor residences in private backyards will remain at 50.
- Outdoor gatherings at venues in public places like a park will have a limit of 50 people in Step 1 communities, and a limit of 100 people in lower risk step 2 communities.
- Coat rooms are now open.
- You can now sit at bars as long as you have the correct PPE and structures of place
- Table seating at restaurants has increased from 6 to 10.

Katie Goldrick: These are minor changes for us because we don't really have any performance venues so it doesn't really make a difference.

Kat Tribulski: Agrees that just because you can do these things does not mean you should.

Katie Goldrick: Agenda item #2 – Old Castle.

Abbey Myers: They started demoing some of the buildings and they are prepping for the new sound enclosure. They removed the current sound enclosure that the machine has so it is louder. I'll be going out taking some reading at a variety of times to get a kind of general idea of the noise level. Site manager Joe Neikirk is aiming for October 19th as a date to the start installation of the new sound barrier. That is assuming the business application for the German technician

does come through on time. They need a German technician to do the instillation as that is the only way MASA will certify that it will work. Will follow up with Joe and official start date once the technician is approved to come.

Katie Goldrick: See if DEP can come out and do a sound measurement so we can gauge what the sound level is with that enclosure off, and then compare the level when the sound enclosure has been installed.

Katie Goldrick: Agenda item #3 – update on the opening of the school.

Abbey Myers: The school is actually doing a really great job of following all the COVID rules and policies. Communication has been great. There have been cases where there is a positive person in school, and it was handled efficiently and quickly.

Kat Tribulski: That is promising to hear.

Abbey Myers: I talk to Julie multiple-times throughout the week, including weekends if needed. Everything is going smoothly and parents should know that their kids are in good hands.

Katie Goldrick: To give you an update – the Board of Selectman scheduled a special town meeting for the town on November 18th for the high school auditorium. We have communicated to the Department of Public Health, the Department of Labor Standards. And Town Hall has received some inquiries and some complaints on why how in why are we are planning a 250-member meeting in a closed auditorium in the middle of November during cold flu season and during a pandemic. A plan is being devised so we can offer a safe alternative so that everyone can meet. We are submitting articles: 1. Submitting an increase in pay for the Health Agent, and 2. The sound ordinance.

Abbey Myers: Just an update on Town meetings. They are exempt from the gathering orders, but just because we can gather doesn't mean we should.

Kat Tribulski: My biggest concern with a gathering like this is 1. The pandemic, but 2. Cold and flu season is going to really complicate matters.

Katie Goldrick: We received direct communication from the Department of Labor Standards and they have said it is unsafe it is unsafe to gather like that.

Abbey Myers: Health agent update: We are thinking of setting up a flu clinic on a Saturday at the end of October beginning of November. We are going forward the tri-town nurse. Anyone that is homebound we can figure a way to get them vaccinated. Randolph also invited us to their drive thru flu clinic on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you have insurance bring your insurance card. If you do not have insurance you can still be vaccinated. Once we finalize with the town of Randolph and the nurse, we will vaccinate Public Safety since they are interacting with the public every day, and then we will use our leftover stock as well as some of Randolph's state supply stock to vaccinate the community.

Katie Goldrick: Suggests trying to schedule the clinic before Halloween as this might help stop the spread of the flu if people gather.

Abbey Myers: We have been doing some food inspections. I am mostly doing COVID related tasks: checking in with the people, checking in with the contacts, doing contact tracing, as well as checking in with other communities. If anyone ever has any questions feel free to contact me. The color coding – we are yellow. If that changes, we will send out a response explain the change. We have 13 cases right now. We had 75 cases at one point. If we turn red case there is no need to worry – just call and ask any questions you have.

Katie Goldrick: Agenda item 4#. Holiday celebration guidance. October: Columbus Day weekend, Indigenous people day, Halloween, The Day of the Dead, Thanksgiving.

Abbey Myers: During holiday celebrations need to still practice social distancing, limit the number of people gathering, be aware of where others are coming from (other states), and wear a mask. If you think it is unsafe please avoid doing it.

Katie Goldrick: Let's publish ideas for safe celebrations. Also, release guidance for trick or treaters and people giving out candy and ideas on gathering.

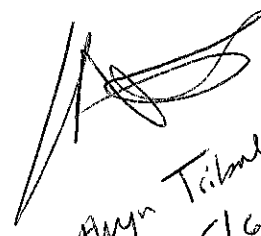
Abbey Myers: Halloween masks do not substitute for a COVID mask. You should not wear a COVID mask with a Halloween mask, as it is harder to breathe.

Katie Goldrick: We will have a final vote on litter at the next meeting to send that to the state. We opened up our public hearing – let's get that out there for people to look at on the website and get that done before the end of 2020.

Kat Tribulski: Motion to close

Katie Goldrick: Second motion.

Katie / Kat: Both in favor.


Kathryn Tribulski, AUD
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