

Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting: March 18, 2020

In attendance: Katie Goldrick, Kat Tribulski, Abbey Myers

Absent: David Reilly

Open Meeting: 6:40pm

Katie Goldrick: One of the things we are focusing on is updates for the covid-19 coronavirus, and we are working on a litter ordinance as well.

Kat Tribulski: I would like to make a motion to open our public hearing with the litter ordinance.

Katie and Kat: Both are in favor.

Abbey Myers: The statement of purpose of this regulation is to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of the Town of Holbrook. The Board of Health has received numerous complaints rats and other pest infestation which became a public health issue since they can destroy, contaminate and transmit viruses, bacteria and parasites to humans. This regulation shall be effective on _____ (date to be set), and shall remain until modified or amended by the Board of Health. This regulation is promulgated pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Health by Massachusetts General Law, chapter 111, section 31, which states that the Board of Health may make a reasonable regulation. Definitions: Deposit is throwing or depositing any garbage, fish, other waste or offensive material on the street, park or other public or private way or upon any premise or vacant lot. Garbage shall be defined as waste to be thrown out. Litter shall be trash such as papers, cans or bottles that are left lying in an open or public place. Trash shall be defined as discarded matter or refuse. No person shall throw, sweep, deposit or cause to be thrown or deposit garbage, rubbish or any other waste material on the street park or other public or private premises of a vacant lot except in an approved disposal area, and cannot be stored or kept. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk and the gutter in front of their premises free of litter in yard waste. The owner or person in control of any private way shall at all times maintain the premise free of litter, however this shall not prohibit the storage of litter in an authorized private receptacle for collection. The owner or persons in control of any vacant lot shall at all times maintain the premise free of litter and control the growth of any wild plants or existence of any obstruction so as not to interfere with a general view of the people from the windows of the abutting buildings, excluding basement windows provided however that this section shall not prohibit the storage litter in an authorized private receptacle for collection. No person shall throw or deposit litter on any open or vacant private property within the town whether owned by such person or not. All retails stores and restaurants shall provide trash receptacles for the use of customers entering and exiting the premises. When ordered by the health agent or Board of Health the owner, agent or occupant of the lot or premise shall remove an improper accumulation or storage of garbage, rubbish, litter or other waste or offensive material within such time as the health agent or Board of Health shall deem reasonable. If violations are not remedied in such time, it shall come to a violation every day the nuisance is not remedied after the time frame. Violations of this section shall be subjected to the provisions in of the Massachusetts general chapter 31D. The 1st offense is \$35, the 2nd offense is \$50, and 3rd offense is \$100. Subsequent offenses in a year are \$200.

Kat Tribulski: At this time I would like to suspend our discussion within the meeting on this and continue an open hearing via contact through phone calls, email due to our limited capabilities in-house right now, until such a time that the Board of Health meets again.

Katie Goldrick: Second that motion.

Katie & Kat: Both are in favor.

Abbey Myers: We are officially done with our public hearing portion.

Katie Goldrick: We are re-introducing social distancing to our meeting going forward. Every resident of Holbrook has a role to play in order to protect and prevent the covid-19 virus from spreading our community. We are asking people to actively practice social distancing, including washing your hands for 24 seconds, covering your sneezes and your coughs, cough or sneeze into your arm, use soap and hot water. If you do not have that available use hand sanitizer. If you are feeling sick call your health care provider or call the state emergency line at 211. We are asking residents from Holbrook to take extreme precautions for anyone in your household that may be medically vulnerable or a senior citizen; over 80 would be considered critical, but anyone over 60 years of age falls under the warning category. Help your neighbors, but keep socially distant. Keep yourself healthy; drink lots of water to keep hydrated properly, get fresh air and sun. Every one of us has a clear part in this effort and we can all make a difference. We have is to protect and prevent an overflow of our hospital ICU beds, which are forecast to be very, very limited. Social distancing is imperative.

Kat Tribulski: People are getting a lot of information from the internet. If you are feeling ill, consult with our physician. Do not take advice from the internet.

Katie Goldrick: I wanted to talk a little bit about social distancing. Lots of places in town are closed – Parks, fields, etc.

Kat Tribulski: I want everyone at home we're not taking this lightly. We don't want to over react, but we also don't want to underreact either. We have to look at what is safe.

Kat Tribulski: I wish to make a motion at this time that starting Friday, March 20, 2020 in Holbrook to close all nail salons, hair care establishments, massage parlors and other service businesses that cannot maintain the proper social distancing required set forth by the of Massachusetts Department of Public Health, until such a time that we can be rescinded.

Katie Goldrick: I second the motion.

Katie & Kat: Both is favor.

Abbey Myers: When you call the health department at 781-767-3030 it might go straight to voicemail, but the voicemail does go to my email which I check constantly, even throughout the night and over the weekend. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Katie Goldrick: We will make sure to put all updates on our Facebook page and the website.

Kat Tribulski: I'd like to make a motion to close meeting for the Holbrook Board of Health, but keep open the hearing for the litter ordinance active.

Katie Goldrick: I second the motion.

All in favor


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