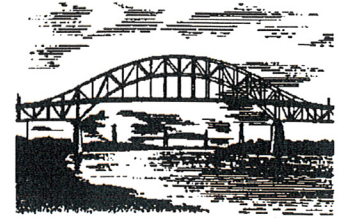


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Remote Meeting MINUTES February 9, 2022

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Meeting was called to order at 05:30pm

1. **Attendance** – Members of the Board in attendance: William Meier, Barbara Princiotta, Stanley Andrews, and Don Uitti. Professional staff in attendance: Terri Guarino, Syreeta Amaral, and Kaitlyn Shea.
2. **Terri Guarino, Health Agent to provide information and updates. The Board of Health to discuss and possibly vote.** – Miss Guarino starts by announcing a reclassification of a position within the Health Department, effective Monday February 7th, Kaitlyn Shea is now the Assistant Health Agent. The Department is also moving forward with advertising for a new Health Inspector.
 - a. **COVID-19** - Miss Guarino continues with COVID-19 updates, as of today Governor Baker announced masking mandates in the school systems can be lifted on February 28th, there are still questions as to whether individual districts may make their own policies and what will happen in our community. She states that schools are also discontinuing contact tracing and opting in for routine COVID safety checks and symptomatic antigen testing during the school week, which means for in school close contacts schools are discontinuing contact tracing and test and stay programs and adopting symptomatic monitoring instead. Kids deemed close contacts in the school setting could continue to go to school and not quarantine. Miss Guarino is happy that the Bourne Community is adopting this program. Miss Guarino pulls up data distributed by the County showing Bourne is seeing a decrease in COVID cases in the fifth wave of the pandemic, after a large peak we are now seeing a decline. Miss Guarino goes on to explain that Bourne is in line with Barnstable County trends in COVID-19 cases, but that the State of Massachusetts' percent positivity is slightly lower than Bourne data. She states while the current percent positivity we are seeing in Bourne is still very high, we are trending down. Mr. Andrews states that the 15.31 percent positivity is still high especially since it does not include all the at home testing data. Because of these facts, Mr. Andrews believes the Board should not lighten up on recommendations yet, let people know we are not through this by any means. Ms. Princiotta agrees with Mr. Andrews especially since the at home testing results are not being seen, and believes the town should still be diligent. **Ms. Princiotta makes a motion to revoke and reaffirm the Board's position that all boards and committees should meet remotely. Mr. Meier seconds the motion. Roll call vote to approve. Ms. Princiotta... yes, Mr. Meier...yes, Mr. Andrews...yes. Mr. Uitti did not hear the motion due to computer issues so he will abstain. Motion passes.**
 - b. **Annual permits and licenses status** - Ms. Shea shares that as of today all of the annual permits that need to be renewed have been renewed, the only remaining permits are seasonal establishments who will renew as they get closer to their opening days. Mr. Andrews asks if the Office believes the delay in renewals is due to lack of experience of the users of the e-permitting site or if people just forgot. Ms. Shea states that it could be due to the new e-permitting as establishment owners are used to getting letters from the department with the applications to fill out, whereas now they receive an email that they check and may forget to go back to. Ms. Shea also explains that during the renewal period the email system of OpenGov sends out reminders every few weeks until the renewal due date. Mr. Andrews believes that due

to the increased number of reminders that there should be no reason for the owners to have missed the expiration dates of their permits. Mr. Andrews asks that this permitting update happen 2 weeks into the year next year, as everyone should be used to this type of permitting next year.

3. **Approve the Minutes – Approve the minutes from the previous meeting dated December 13, 2021 & January 12, 2022.**
4. **Set a tentative date for the next meeting.** – Mr. Andrews reminds everyone that the Board has a site assignment meeting next Wednesday at 4pm. Next scheduled board of health meeting tentatively set for February 23rd. Ms. Princiotta asks if this date should be reserved for carryover of the site assignment meeting. Miss Guarino states that there is regular business that needs to be attended to on the 23rd so if it is used for carryover, then the site assignment hearing would need to be adjourned by 5:30pm.
5. **60 Arlington Dr -- Zachary Basinski P.E. of Bracken Engineering on behalf of owners Edward & Peri Jacobs – CONTINUED from October 13, 2021. Requesting relief from Local Board of Health Title 5 requirements. Variances requested include a 10± foot reduction from the required 150 foot setback from the proposed S.A.S. to Mean High Water (Buttermilk Bay) and a 72± foot reduction from the required 150 foot setback from a S.A.S. to the top of a Coastal Bank for a septic upgrade.** – Mr. Andrews states that the engineer for the project had a scheduling conflict and sent a letter to the Office for a request for a continuance until March.
6. **Adjourn.** – Mr. Andrews asks if a new cupcake company opened at 1 Trowbridge Road. Miss Guarino is not aware of one, but states that if it is the same vacant space that use to be a deli then it should be equipped to have a food establishment. Miss Guarino mentions that the Meeting Minutes were on the agenda but none are ready to be reviewed yet. Mr. Andrews congratulates Ms. Shea on her promotion and acknowledges that Miss Guarino and Kathy Peterson had been working on getting this position approved for several years. There is no further discussion by the Board or the public. **Mr. Uitti makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Meier seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Ms. Princiotta...yes, Mr. Meier...yes, Mr. Uitti...yes, Mr. Andrews... yes. Meeting adjourns at 5:55pm.**

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