

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TOWN OF WAREHAM BOARD OF HEALTH**

Date of meeting: February 3, 2021

Transcribed by Patrick MacDonald

Meeting held remotely due to Covid -19

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

### **2. ROLL CALL:**

Members present:	Amy Weigandt, MD, Chairman
	Catherine Phinney, RN, Member
	Lawrence Perry, Associate Member
Also Present	Robert E. Ethier, Director
	Patrick MacDonald, Health Inspector
Absent.	Glenn Monteiro

A moment of silence was observed for Dennis Damata and David Wahlstrom. Mr. Damata was a long serving police officer for the Town of Wareham, a Selectman, and most recently the Code Enforcement Officer for the Board of Health. He died of Covid-19. Mr. Wahlstrom was a long serving member of the Wareham Fire District, as well as a former Marine. His death was attributed to cancer.

**3. COVID-19 UPDATE:** Dr Weigandt explained the Town has improved the website by adding a link to Covid -19 news and information. She explained that there had been a slight spike in the number of cases due to the Thanksgiving holiday, and the Christmas holiday, where it was likely that large groups would have gathered to celebrate. She also expressed concern that citizens be vaccinated before any of the new variants of the disease appear in Massachusetts.

Mr. Ethier explained that the Town has applied to the Commonwealth through the Board of Health to be an authorized vaccination site. He has worked with the Plymouth County Coalition for Health, as well as Southcoast Health, the Gleason YMCA, as well the school department to put together a program for 'drive through vaccinations.'

**MOTION:** To elevate Mr. Perry to voting member made by Mrs. Phinney, seconded by Dr. Weigandt.  
Vote: Phinney -yes, Weigandt -yes.

**VOTE 2-0-0 (Unanimous).**

### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS :**

**5:10 HEARING** Chair Weigant opened the hearing for 27 Farmers Lane. Present before the Board was Mr. Brian Grady, from GAF, representing the property owner's request for a variance request

## **HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT**

February 3, 2021

Last meeting: December 18, 2020

### **TITLE 5 REVIEW AND VARIANCES**

9 Conventional Title V

3 Alterative systems

### **PERCOLATION TESTS**

5

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

One unattended death response.

Two housing issues, one with no heat, one with safety issues.

### **INSPECTIONS**

Restaurant inspections 2021 are underway. This includes existing restaurants as well as new ones trying to open

### **BEACH WATER SAMPLING PROGRAM**

The beach water sampling begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. We have had the program for 18 years. We should look into getting an intern for next year's program.

### **COURT CASES**

None

### **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Continues with blood pressure clinics, as well as Covid 19 responses. We now have three nurses working part time for us. They continue to work through references from MAVEN, as well as our local healthcare providers, as well as the schools.

### **DISEASE REPORTING**

Report is ongoing regarding Covid 19.

### **PLYMOUTH COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COALITION**

All meetings are held remotely.