

BOARD OF HEALTH VIRTUAL MEETING

Thursday March 19, 2020 – 5:00 PM – Via Zoom

PRESENT: Danielle Fillio, Town Administrator; Peter Cohen, Chair BOH; Emilie Jarrett, RN Community Health Assn.; Tony Segal; Louise Maron, Ph.D.; John Olander, Agent; Andrew Fisher; Phyllis LeBeau, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Fred Schubert

GUEST: Claudia Ryan; Rick Bell

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Emilie expressed her concern with people congregating at the school playground and the tennis court. The Governor's directive was to close all such facilities and other towns have done so. A discussion as to how to most effectively seal off those areas developed a consensus to put a padlock on the entrance to the tennis courts and ask the school to post signs at all entrances to the playground.

On the subject of the Richmond Pond Beach, it was decided to post signs stating that the Board of Health has ordered the beach closed and to advise any special permit boating events that they are cancelled. Although the State is advising people to seek individual outdoor activities, a congregation of more than 10 people is not advised. It was noted that there are several picnic tables at the beach and that the area is a popular place for people to take walks. Those activities will likely continue but with social distancing in mind.

Peter will look into having metal signs created by Courier Printing for the closings and talk to Peter Beckwith, Highway Superintendent about having those signs posted. In the meantime, Emilie will send Peter a copy of an effective poster which he can laminate and post as appropriate.

It was noted that per the Governor's edict, Air B'N B can no longer accept bookings for short term rentals. Peter suggested sending a letter to that effect to the Inn at Richmond. Second homeowners have been asked by the Selectmen to self-quarantine for 14 days. Those people who have been ordered to quarantine are followed closely by Emilie.

Tracy Bullett, the Head Janitor at the Richmond School, will be asked to put up signs and cones at the entrance to the playground, indicating that it is closed.

Peter said that he will contact the members of the Board to schedule another meeting should something important arise before May 5th, which is the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Andy moved that the Board issue an Official Order of the Richmond Board of Health to close the school playground and the tennis courts to the public until further notice. The motion was

seconded by Tony and approved by unanimous vote. Danielle will send that Order to the newsletter and the website.

There being no further business before the Board, Tony moved to adjourn. Andy seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM