

BOARD OF HEALTH VIRTUAL MEETING

Tuesday June 23, 2020 – 5:00 PM – via Zoom

PRESENT: Tony Segal, Chair; Peter Cohen; Fred Schubert; Andy Fisher; Louise Maron; John Olander, BOH Agent; Danielle Fillio, Town Administrator; Phyllis LeBeau, Recording Secretary; Emilie Jarrett, RN, Comm. Health Assn.; Mark Maloy, Berk. Regional Planning; Joe McGovern, Camp Owner; Dan Joslyn, Camp Director; Ed Fahey, BOH Agent through Berk. Reg'l. Plann.

Tony opened the meeting with a reading of the Mass. Governor's Directive concerning the new Open Meeting Laws to be followed during the COVID-19 emergency.

Ed Fahey and Tony visited the camp on June 16th and Ed re-visited yesterday (June 22nd) to determine their compliance with the new COVID-19 restrictions. The camp had submitted a lengthy Plan to indicate how they will adhere to the new regulations. The Plan was read by Fred Schubert and Peter Cohen. Ed plans additional visits to the camp to monitor their progress with turning the plan into reality.

In response to questions from the Board about various contingencies, the following processes were put in place: In case of an emergency (injury, illness, etc.) involving a camper, Dan is the person who will contact the parents. Notice of the event goes up the chain of command from personnel witnessing it. Every camper has a file on record that contains all contact and medical information. Any injuries to campers will be reported to the Richmond Board of Health. Tony provided his cell phone number for any such contingency. In the case of staff members suspecting illness, they have been advised to stay home.

Hand sanitizers made with 60% ethyl or isopropyl alcohol are available all over the camp.

Ed reported that on his inspection he found only two small issues. On his planned re-inspection he will observe the check-in process and whether groups of campers are being kept separate. In respect to transportation, the camp has decided that the cost of hiring the required additional busses makes it impossible for them to provide transportation at all until, perhaps, Phase 3 if those new rules make it feasible.

The number of campers has been significantly reduced, with awareness of those parents for whom the camp is essential in the summer so that they can continue to go to work.

Emilie noted she would be the one to be involved in any COVID-19 cases that may arise and she asked for a copy of the portion of the plan dealing with screening campers arriving. She was advised that each camper is screened on arrival with questions relative to exposure or symptoms of the virus. Any yes responses will result in the camper being quarantined in a special building set aside for the purpose. Emilie would then be contacted, and she will determine quarantine requirements and tracing of contacts. For campers whose parents cannot

provide transportation to the camp on their own, transportation can be arranged with someone else, provided that person can answer the screening questions on arrival at the camp.

Joe advised the Board that he has postponed the opening of the camp for one week to give themselves more time to work out compliance with the plan.

There was a short discussion of the possibility of involving the Pittsfield Board of Health in the permitting process for the camp. The consensus was that there was no reason to do so.

Peter brought up the issue of the water cannon in the wading pool, which the State had cited as unsafe in an earlier inspection. Plans are in place to pad the water cannon with water-proof material to avoid any possibility of injury.

Tony thanked Dan, Joe, Ed and Danielle for their work on this issue.

The next meeting of the Richmond Board of Health will be on Tuesday July 7, 2020 at 5:00 PM via Zoom.

There being no further business before the Board, Tony moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM