

BOH MEETING MINUTES

4-27-20

Attending

Bridget Sweet, Chair

Timothy Cochrane, Vice Chair

Jeff Harris, Member

Also, in attendance: Cathleen Liberty, Director of Public Health, Ginny McNeil, Virtual participants

Meeting called to order 5:00 pm

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion pertaining to individuals wearing a cloth covering the nose and mouth in essential businesses.

Director Liberty noted that she had researched other towns and cities who implemented this order to essential businesses. Director Liberty went over four towns that had implemented the order, and which order she observed as relevant. Director Liberty stated that she recommends the Plainville order that: All employees of all essential businesses shall wear a face covering over their mouth and nose when interacting with the public and when the staff cannot maintain a safe social distance of six feet from any other co-worker. Nothing in this order shall require the use of a face covering by anyone for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. After much discussion with the board and listening to comments from the participants on the call Chair Sweet asked for a motion. Motion-Vice Chair Cochrane that “All employees of all essential businesses shall wear a face covering over their mouth and nose when interacting with the public and when the staff cannot maintain a safe social distance of six feet from any other co-worker. Effective date close of business on April 29, 2020.”

Second-Member Harris

All in Favor

Chair Sweet conducted roll call

2. Discussion of essential businesses and restaurants selling groceries during outbreak.

Director Liberty explained to the board that food establishments in other towns are selling some grocery items. Director Liberty noted that she researched what other towns and cities are permitting food establishment selling grocery items and what is entailed to do this type of other use business. Director Liberty notes that her recommendation is to mirror the City of Boston’s plan in that they permit food establishments to sell grocery items and offer deliveries, curbside pick-up and take out. Their application process required health, safety, operations plan to ensure safety of their work and the groceries they tend to sell. Director Liberty noted that she spoke with the Building Commissioner regarding Zoning issues that may occur as a change of use. The Building Commissioner will waive zoning, but the facility will have to renew their permit every 30 days. After much discussion with the board about enforcement and the permit processes Chair Sweet asked for a motion.

Motion-Member Harris to “Allow food establishments in the Town of Franklin to sell grocery items from their establishment after receiving a permit from the health department.”

Second-Vice Chair Cochrane

All in Favor

Chair Sweet conducted roll call

Zoom Chat Question

A participant asked about golfing. Chair Sweet explained this subject is not on the agenda and she didn't want to discuss but will put it on the May agenda for discussion.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 PM – Motion made by Member Harris

Second – Vice Chair, Cochrane

Unanimous

Next Board of Health meeting will be on May 4, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated

Cc: Board of Health Members
Town Clerk