



THE TOWN OF GRANBY
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
August 27, 2020

The regular meeting of the Granby Board of Health was held by video conference call and opened at 6:45 pm

Those present were: Dick Bombardier, Lee Lalonde and Herb Abelson, MD

Those in attendance were: Alan Weiss, Kate Manewich, Don Chartier, Nancy Jenks, John Sullivan, Todd Dorman, Alison Jordan, Megan Szlosek, Rich Domeracki, and Al Wishart

1. Dick stated that the Board of Health met on Thursday August 20, 2020 with the State's Enforcement and Intervention Team to help the Town develop a plan to keep the Town out of the COVID-19 red level rating. The BOH adopted a five-stage approach to doing that. The first step is an analysis and help phase to ask the State for assistance to help understand the data and to determine the causes of past COVID-19 infection cases in Granby in the past and help the Board come up with a more comprehensive plan to reduce the propagation of the disease in the future. The second phase is clerical support. Since the clerk is leaving her position, the Board has delayed her departure and the replacement will be a full time upgraded position as Board of Health Assistant. The Board will also make sure that when the new person comes in there will be a full month overlap for training before the clerk leaves. The third phase includes two regulation changes the Board approved at their meeting on August 14, 2020. One regulation requires that all customers must wear face coverings at all times while waiting in line to order or receive delivery of prepared food within the Town of Granby. The second order prohibits organized or informal sports team competition or practice in the Town of Granby until further notice. The fourth phase is to develop a quarantine improvement plan for daily follow up with quarantined cases. The Fifth phase is enforcement with the police performing out of vehicle checks on businesses to ensure that they are following facial mask and social distancing guidelines. The Police will also assist in monitoring social gatherings to make size restrictions, social distancing and face mask guidelines are followed.
2. Alan Weiss was present to discuss the out of season perc for Lot F, Taylor Street. His client Chris Dynak was unable to attend the meeting. Alan requested that the Board postpone until the next Board meeting.
3. Kate Manewich of 48 Lyman Street and her contractor Don Chartier were present to discuss the addition of two bedrooms to the existing three bedroom home. The current septic system is designed for 4 bedrooms. In order to add two bedrooms the Board would require a septic system redesign to accommodate 5 bedrooms. The owners will discuss the issue and resubmit their plans to the Board at a future meeting.
4. The Board signed the following:

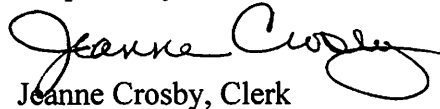
Money turnover sheet
Timesheet for the clerk
Bills for Stericycle fuel charge
COC for 7 Jennifer Drive

5. The Dick discussed the Granby school opening requirements The Board originally told the school that there were four items they had to change in their opening plan. They needed to assess ventilation in the schools, assure that the mask program met student's need for protection, reassess use of the cafeteria for lunch to prevent airborne virus transmission and be prepared when and if COVID-19 testing becomes reliable, affordable and available and the state sets testing recommendations for schools. The plan should be modified when appropriate to address these issues.. Dick talked to Emre Evren, the chair of the School Committee, and Cheryl Hepworth, Interim School Superintendent, several times and attended the school's Safety Committee meeting. They discussed several issues of concern including the State's color coding system potentially driving the school's opening plan into disarray, the concern about mask use and with the ventilation system. Dick offered to speak with the School's hired engineer. Another item is to get a commitment from the Board of Health to have a representative on the Safety Committee Team that would meet two times a week. Dick is willing be the Board representative. The Board agreed that these issues must be addressed and resolved.
6. The Board discussed the Dollar General forebay issue. The basin adjacent to the building and the basin to the southwest were in compliance of the Public Nuisance Order. Liscotti Development has added stone to the southwest forebay and it is currently empty. This decreases the breeding area for mosquitoes. The Board agreed that the modifications made are now in compliance with the Public Nuisance Order and the Board will send a letter to Attorney Maynard to let him know that the Public Nuisance Order has been abated.
7. The Board affirmed the two orders that the Board approved at the August 14, 2020, meeting requiring that all customers must wear face coverings at all times while waiting in line to order or receive delivery of prepared food in the Town of Granby and prohibiting organized or informal sports team competition or practice in the Town of Granby. The orders shall be in effect until rescinded by the Granby Board of Health.
8. Alison Jordan, Assistant Principal and Director of Athletics at the Granby Jr- Sr High School voiced her concern regarding the Board's decision to prohibit school sports now that Granby's COVID-19 rating is in a "white zone". Ms. Jordan stated that The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) approved school sports as of August 18, 2020. The Board was not able to review the information she forwarded prior to the meeting. She expressed her concern about the timeline of the next Board meeting being held on September 15, 2020.
9. Megan Szlosek of the Granby Athletic Association was also present to request that the Board allow their fall soccer season to take place. She stated that other towns are

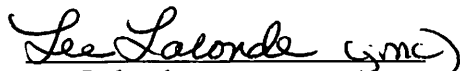
allowing sports team to practice. GAA is on a tighter timeline and they need decision by August 31, 2020

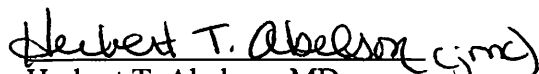
10. The Board agreed to review the information submitted by Alison Jordan and Megan Slzosek and hold a meeting on September 1, 2020 to discuss school and GAA sports in the Town of Granby. Subsequently the meeting was scheduled for September 2, 2020 due to the State Primary Election being held on September 1, 2020.
11. The Board discussed the resume received from Colleen Aberdale for the position of Health Assistant. The interview will be arranged for Tuesday, September 3, 2020.
12. The next Board of Health regular meeting will be held on September 15, 2020.
13. The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeanne Crosby, Clerk


Richard G. Bombardier, Chair


Lee Lalonde


Herbert T. Abelson, MD.