

## THE TOWN OF GRANBY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES April 3, 2020

The special meeting of the Granby Board of Health was held by conference call and opened at 11:00 am.

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

Those in attendance were: Chief Wishart and Chief Mitchell

- 1. The Board discussed the request from Pastor Bill Wright of the Church of Christ to allow distribution of palms by placing on Church steps and cars driving up one by one to take them. The Board will allow this as long as the church enforces the social distance guidelines.
- 2. The PVPC Emergency Funding and Use of COVID-19 Funding Grant has been signed by Chris Martin and he has received the check. Mr. Martin will establish an account for the funds. The second grant was an early submission and a dollar amount has not been specified as of yet.
- 3. Herb informed the Board that he spoke with Priyanka Barca, an epidemiologist with MASSPH about the use of COVID-19 case information on the Town's geological survey map. Ms. Barca was very clear that only EMS and other first responders have access to the information as an exception to HIPPA directives.
- 4. The Board discussed take-out food locations in the Town and how they are adhering to the guidelines set by the State. The Board will ask Lynn Diniz to visit and make sure they are following the guidelines.
- 5. Steve Griffin, Head of School at MacDuffie reported to the Board that the school is following protocol with the 20 students residing on campus. They reported that one resident staff member is self-quarantining off site because he had been in the Dominican Republic during the break. There are no illnesses reported.
- 6. The Board instructed the clerk to send a certified letter to Little Italy stating that during its meeting on March 31, 2020, the Board determined that, with the existing damaged floor, Little Italy could not meet and maintain the required level of cleanliness to pass inspection required to reopen and the owner will need to install a new floor, per agreement with the Board, before requesting a pre-opening inspection.
- 7. The Board discussed a phone call received from Town Counsel Brian O'Toole regarding an e-mail he received from the Granby Bow and Gun Club's lawyer, stating that the Club had taken the position that they are not a "business" but a private club therefore they were planning to continue to operate by being open to members and not the public. Attorney O'Toole suggests that the Governor's order of March 23 applies to "businesses and other organizations". The Board agreed to send an Immediate

Cease and Desist Order to the Granby Bow & Gun Club, The Chicopee Sportsmen's Club and the Fairview Sportsman's Club ordering them to cease and desist from operating except during periods being used by essential personnel such as law enforcement agency personnel. Dick will contact Brian O'Toole to have Brian modify the draft letter to ensure that it meets legal requirements.

- 8. Herb suggested that the Board send out an alert message to the residents asking that all residents consider covering their nose and mouth when encountering any public gathering by wearing a mask, handkerchief, bandana, scarf or other material to decrease the possibility of coming in contact with aerosolized particles in the air. This is a reasonable and important concession to protect against the COVID-19 virus. Herb will draft the announcement. Chief Wishart will contact Chris Martin for approval for the Code Red Alert message.
- 9. The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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