

RICHMOND BOARD OF HEALTH
ZOOM MEETING TUESDAY JULY 7, 2020

Members present Tony Segal-Chair, Louise Maron, Andy Fischer, Peter Cohen, Emilee Jarret-community nurse, John Olander-Agent, Ed Fahey-alliance agent Claudia Ryan-recording secretary
Members absent Fred Schubert

Others present from school- Peter Dillon-superintendent, Jill Pompei-Principal, Christine Lenfrest-school nurse, Diane Piraino-school doctor, Audience- Peter Miller

1. Dr. Segal opened the meeting at 5pm. He asked the members if there were anything questions about. No members had any questions so he made a motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Peter Cohen and pass unanimously.

2. Old Business

A. The opening of the Richmond School

Dr. Segal asked Peter Dillon to explain what the school plans are for reopening for the fall school year. Peter Dillon explained that there are 3 different school opening scenarios

1. School based- where students are in the school building for the entire learning period
2. Hybrid-where students have both in-school and remote learning
3. Distant learning- totally learning remotely

Richmond has a large enough space within the building and small enough student body to allow for School Based learning, if the virus spikes in the region then other options might have to be looked at. The one exception to school based is that older staff might have to work remotely.

One major issue that needs to be decided is the busing of students. The School administration is waiting for the state to come out with their guidelines for school busing for this fall. Peter Dillon stated that he thinks many parents will be bringing their children to school.

Jill Pompei explained that they are working on a plan to have a safe and efficient design for drop off and pick up of the students.

Christine Lenfrest said that there are several hand sanitizing stations thru out the school and there are posters explaining hand washing, and the best ways for handling coughing, sneezing and maintaining a healthy environment. She also stated that they are encouraging all parents to make sure their children get a flu vaccine shot. There will be a letter sent home prior to the starting of the school year explaining how parents should screen their children and themselves for covid systems, each day prior to going to school.

Children in grades 2 and up will be required to wear masks, all staff will be wearing masks. Staff will be very vigilant watching the younger students as to coughing, sneezing and hand washing.

The board asked when the new school year is starting Jill Pompei stated on August 31st. To accommodate parents who have children in other school districts Richmond is trying to keep the same schedule as other districts. Peter Dillon stated that as of now the state is still requiring 180 days of school but that they might change that if the virus spikes in MA.

The board asked what about students whose families took vacations with less then 2 weeks prior to the beginning of school.

Tony Segal asked Peter Dillon if the school administration wanted anything specific from the Board of Health. He stated that he did not have anything that they wanted from the Board but that he would keep the Board informed with their plans for reopening.

The board wanted to know if parents would be allowed to bring their children into the school. Peter Dillon stated that parents were not going to allowed unless it is for the very youngest children for their first few days of school.

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B. Camp Russell Review

Tony Segal asked Ed Fahey how the camp opening is going. Ed Fahey said that he was there on opening day and it was a smooth opening, everyone was wearing face masks and keeping socially distant from each other. He was pleased with what he saw. He said that the Camp did send a letter requesting that the Board give a variance for their water cannon. There was a bit of discussion among the board members about it. They asked Ed Fahey if anything could be done to fix the problem and he told them that only removing it and the Camp said that the cost of doing that was not a realistic solution for them. The Board decided to issue a permanent variance for it. Tony Segal made the motion, it was seconded by Perter Cohen and passed unanimously. Ed Fahey also said that the Board needed to give the Camp their permits. John Olander informed the Board that the Camp get 4 permits a year, Food, Beach, Pool and Camp. Tony Segal made a motion to grant the Camp the 4 permits, Peter Cohen seconded and it passed unanimously. Since the guidelines for bussing are very strict all campers are brought to the Camp, it is not providing any transportation.

Peter Cohen said he spoke with Chief Traver and the Camp had an approved fire inspection report.

C. Ma. Regulations and Quarantine

Tony Segal asked Emilee Jarrett about any new quarantine rules and Regulations that may have been recently issued. She told the Board that people arriving from NY, NJ and the other New England states that a 14day self- quarantine in not necessary. Tony Segal asked about what is being done about short term rentals and the guidelines. It was mentioned that we do not really have good information about which homes are being rented out for short term rentals and we do not have a way of following up on them. Tony Segal said he would contact Laura Kittross to find out if the Alliance has a listing from the state. Peter Miller owns a home in Richmond Shores and he suggested that the Board contact the Richmond Shores Civic Association to find out which of their members might be renting their homes for short term rentals.

D. Balderdash Cellars

Tony Segal stated that he went there last week and they were having everyone socially distant from each other and it was working out just fine.

E. Recycle Bins

It was mentioned that we are totally out of recycle bins for residents to get from town hall. Tony Segal asked John Olander to try get another quote on prices so that we can order them.

4. Health Agent Report

John Olander gave his monthly report. It is an attachment to these minutes

5. Citizen Speak Time

Peter Miller asked Emilee Jarrett about quarantining from a hot spot. He is having visitors and was wondering what the guidelines are. She told him to check the Mass.gov website for the most up to date guidelines.

6. Adjournment

The next meeting is Tuesday August 4th.

Tony Segal made a motion to adjourn at 6:05 PM it was seconded by Peter Cohen and passed unanimously.

Tony Segal -Chair

Date

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Health Agent Report
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Activity List since last meeting:

Title 5 inspections:

1. Witnessed Title 5 inspection at Borden, 2683 State Rd., Scott McFarland, inspector.

Septic System permits, issues

1. Inspect 20 Pilgrim St. septic system upgrade for Colvin. Correspond with Trinity Engineering to substitute poly septic tank and move leach trenches uphill.
2. Installer permit to Macateer Landscaping for 20 Pilgrim St.
3. Review plan and issue septic system permit to Arnold Trust, 995 Dublin Rd.-send to owner, engineer.
4. Review plan and issue septic system permit to Creighton, 2399 Swamp Rd; mail to owner.
5. Inspect Blair, 2533 Swamp Rd. septic system upgrade.
6. Installer permit application sent to Derek Boomsma for Blair install.
7. Called Martyn McMahan, 20 Cone Hill Rd., about recent repair to septic system piping.
8. Send installer application to Berkshire Septic; issue permit when check received.
9. Witness perc test at 206 Stevens Glen Rd. for proposed new residence, Scott McFarland, soil evaluator.

Wells-well permits: (none)

1. Responded to request by Jim Starbard at RCAP services (grant-funded assistance program) for information on domestic well at 317 Cone Hill Rd. As part of a DEP mandated testing program of wells surrounding the town's closed sanitary landfill, wells at 14 surrounding properties were tested in 2011 for many contaminants. This house was never tested as it was unoccupied at time of sampling.

Other:

1. Email Ed Fahey regarding Hilltop Orchards food service certification.
2. Forwarded email regarding Balderdash complaint from Mass. Dept. Labor and Ind.
3. Turnovers of receipts
4. Submit BRCP inspection services bill for \$2875.00
5. Email Title 5 report for 350 Lenox Rd. to architect Dana Bixby.
6. Research septic at Merman, 196 Dean Hill Rd; no Title 5 inspection on file.
7. Email Certificate of Compliance to attorney Susan Smith for 2533 Swamp Rd.
8. Submit beach testing invoice for June.
9. Received Farm Labor Camp self-inspection report for Bartlett's Orchard from State.
10. Letter received from Francis Vigeant regarding Balderdash forwarded to others.

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