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## **BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES September 15, 2022 – 10:20 AM**

**In accordance with Governor Bakers emergency modification of the Open Meeting Law  
this meeting will be held virtually.**

Members Present: William White, James Butterick, Thomas Zinno,

Others Present: Garrett Albiston, Alexa Arieta, Lorna Welch, Lucas Thor (MV Times reporter)

Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:21 AM.

### **BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION**

- **Discussion and possible vote to rescind the mask advisory, issued on May 18, 2022**
  - Most other towns planning on rescinding.
  - Mr. Zinno asks about how the schools are doing with cases and protocol.
  - Mr. Butterick thinks it is time to lift this, based on CDC guidelines. Chairman White agrees.
    - Mr. Zinno makes a motion to rescind the mask advisory. Mr. Butterick seconds. Approved Unanimously 3-0.
  
- **Six Month performance evaluation for Health Agent**
  - Garrett highlights the department workload with numerical data.
  - Mr. White thinks that Mr. Albiston has done a great job, in often very trying conditions. Mr. White cares mostly about being able to handle the responsibilities with the Board of Health, which he has proven he is capable of handling.
  - Mr. Zinno reflects on many complicated projects that he has worked on with Mr. Albiston. He highlights his background and general knowledge.
  - Mr. Butterick states that Mr. Albiston is always on top of issues, and that the combination roll with Conservation seems to be working well. He states that Mr. Albiston is knowledgeable, calm and has done a terrific job in this role and recommends that he continue.
    - Mr. Zinno makes a motion that Mr. Albiston continue as health agent. Mr. Butterick seconds. Approved unanimously 3-0.

- Mr. Zinno departs the meeting at 10:33AM.
- Mr. Butterick asks about the refugee situation and how we are assisting. Mr. Albiston says we have not yet been pulled in to assist, but there is a health agent meeting this afternoon to brief us.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

August 8, 2022-not voted on based on Mr. Zinno not being available.

**AGENT UPDATES**

- Still working on the wording of the moratorium. Perhaps within the next meeting or two, there will be a final draft to present to the board.
- Chairman White says that he doesn't think that we need to rush into this, given the litigation that this is in. We need to take our time to do the best we can on this issue.

Lucas Thor asks why the BOH has stopped discussing the PFAS issue.

Mr. White states we are taking our time looking into this, and that because the installation is under litigation with the Oak Bluffs Planning Board, we have time to make a decision. All members want to make sure we do the right thing, because it is on top of the sole source aquifer.

Mr. Butterick makes a motion to Adjourn at 10:43 AM. Adjourned 2-0.

Respectfully submitted by Alexa Arieta, Assistant Health Agent