



TOWN OF LANCASTER – BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2020
Special Zoom Meeting

Members in attendance: John Farnsworth, Katherine Holden, and Jeff Paster

Also in attendance: William Brookings, Health Agent and Debra Dennis

Chairman Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 9:33AM.

The Board of Health members discussed with the Board of Selectmen and Town Moderator the change of location and time for the Annual Town Meeting. Jeff Paster commented it could be hosted over AM Transmitter. Citizens would drive to a designated area, log in and get a paddle for voting. The cars would be 12 feet apart. They would have to stay in their cars. One or two porta potties would be available for emergencies. The transmitters could be tested the day before. The residents would be told what station to tune to.

They discussed using a cell phone for comments and questions. Face masks would be available if necessary. They discussed the reasons why the idea of having it indoors was a danger. The Board of Health can advise and help with health issues.

Chairman Farnsworth asked about the PA system outside. Orlando Pacheco said the Secretary of State General Council said you cannot limit ability to vote if not wearing a mask. He said there can be a designated area for people who cannot wear masks.

Fire Chief Mike Hanson said ambulance and the fire truck will be on standby. Police Chief Burgwinkel was concerned with the backup at Mary Rowlandson School.

Board of Select Chair Stan Starr said the only articles that are needed are the financial questions. The others are not time sensitive and can be placed on the October warrant. Orlando Pacheco said there are fourteen items. Town Moderator William O'Neil commented about unfinished items that can be done on a second day. Orlando Pacheco said the moderator declares an emergency he can close the meeting if there is a public health issue. There is not any reason to limit articles.

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Town Clerk Dianne Reardon said at check in everyone gets a ticket and we only count yes votes. It will take awhile to park the cars. She said she does not want to move the town meeting. She said she does not see a problem. She said an issue might be timing.

Board of Health member Katherine Holden asked about copies of the warrant. Orlando Pacheco said it will be posted on the town website and have all paper handouts the day before for residents. **A motion was made by Board of Selectmen Chair Stan Starr to have the Annual Town Meeting on June 22nd at 5:30PM in the parking lot of Mary Rowlandson/Burbank Elementary School. Jay Moody seconded the motion. VOTE: 3-0-0.**

Jeff Paster said there needs to be a dry run as soon as possible. The Board of Health members agreed to the motion made by the Select Board.

Adjourn

Chairman John Farnsworth adjourned the meeting at 1:06PM.

**Respectfully submitted
Debra Dennis**