

## Board of Health Minutes

July 27, 2020

Town of Auburn  
Board of Health  
Town Hall Planning Board Room  
104 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts

**Members Present :** Carolyn Griffin Vice Chair; Steven Nordborg member

**In Attendance:** Darlene Coyle, Director of Public Health; Eileen Alexander, Asst. Public Health Director;

**Chairman Carolyn Griffin in accordance with the Open Meeting Law , called the meeting to order at 6:43pm.**

**Remote Meeting Participation - Monday July 27, 2020 at 6:30pm**

**Board of Health**

**Join by phone: 1-646-749-3112**

**Access Code: 813-775-077**

**Join by Computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/813775077>**

1. **Call to Order/ Recording Announcement/Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Reorganization of the Board** - We will remove the reorganization of the board till next meeting to all members are present.
3. **Review Agenda - Add/Remove any items -**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
5. **Agenda Items -**

**Cancelled- 6:30 PM Hearing - Donation Box Order Appeal - 459 Southbridge Street - Petitioner withdrew the request.**

### **A. Director's update**

**a) Animal Control** - There was an extension on dog licenses due to COVID-19 until June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with no late fee's added. ACO has given an update that they will be sending out dog license reminders residents will receive a card in the mail or receive an email from ACO. We have about 800 dogs that still have not licensed in town right now, and late fees are accruing we ask that residents please take care of that as soon as possible. Also, the ACO sends out regular updates throughout the year on many different animal related topics by email, therefore when you are licensing your dog, there is a section on the application to fill in an email address if you would like to receive reminders through email.

**b) Solid Waste** - Just a reminder to residents to have their totes out by the road by 7:00AM, or the night before your trash pick-up day. We have a new trash hauler company so trash pick-up times may vary from the times residents may have had in the past. The Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator is sending out reminders on social media and website. We would like to let the residents know when they have extra cardboard that will not fit in the toter, that you can flatten the boxes ( 2x2 size ) and leave beside your toter. If you have any question on how to recycle please contact our office we will be happy to help you.

**c) Central Mass Mosquito Control (CMMC)** - We are in a hot weather spell and have already seen mosquito diseases announced throughout the State and we do expect that the condition will continue. CMMC are already taking preventive steps in doing their typical education and they have monthly meetings that you can find posted on our town web page.

### **B. Communicable Diseases**

**The Public Health nurse works on the monthly reporting and Eileen was able to identify the report , we are dealing with COVID-19 and doing follow-up daily.**

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### **C. Inspections- COVID-19 Emergency Action Response**

We have a number of updates going on, as you may have seen the most recent travel order that was announced this past Friday by the Governor's office. The State will be providing more information and it appears that all of the New England states, New York, New Jersey and Hawaii are the states where they are seeing lower number of cases; and is where people can go to and will be exempt from the travel order. The people traveling outside these states will have a process they will need to follow. This will be going into effect on August 1, 2020.

Board of Health has been extremely busy dealing with COVID complaints and education for businesses. There are safety standard requirements and checklists put in place for all different types of businesses, and this is part of the reopening plan along with being busy with contact tracing requirements. The overview of the complaints we are receiving are related to mask wearing. Jordon has been out going to these business providing education, and as the State comes out with new guidelines we are updating our guidance documents and distributing them out. There are requirements for restaurants, retail, office space, sports leagues, and working with schools to keep them updated with current information and also making ourselves available for education and assistance for anyone who may need it in town. When the next step is announced, we know there will be more changes.

Carolyn asks if business are enforcing when people are allowed in the store without masks. Darlene explains many businesses are reaching out to Board of Health for the guidance on this and we are giving education.

Also, our office has been in contact with the school nurses, and school administration team and athletic director, working with them to see how the process is going to go in the fall.

**NEXT MEETINGS** : To be determined on available dates by email.

Carolyn Griffin entertains a motion to close the hearing.

**Motion: Steve Nordborg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06PM**

**Second: Carolyn Griffin Vote: All in favor 2-0**

**Approved on 9/28/2020**