

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 23, 2020, 6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Chair Abramson convened the open meeting at 6:04 pm noting the following:

Select Board attending: Chair David Abramson, Vice Chair Robert Anthony, Members John Golden, Lise King and Louise Venden

Excused:

Other attendees: Town Manager Robin L Craver, and Select Board Secretary Elizabeth Paine

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

NOTE: THIS IS A REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING

The Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Provincetown Select Board will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Provincetown website, at <https://www.provincetown-ma.gov/>. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch/listen and participate in the meeting may do so in the following manner:

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The March 23, 2020, meeting of the Provincetown Select Board is about to be convened. As a precautionary measure to reduce the spread of coronavirus, all Town buildings are closed to the public; therefore, this meeting will be held by remote participation. My name is Robin Craver, Town Manager I will begin by taking a roll call for quorum.

Vice Chair Robert Anthony: Here

John Golden: Here

Lise King: Here

Louise Venden: Here

Chair Abramson: Here

Consent Agenda – Approval without objection required for the following items:

- A. Approve the insertion of the ballot questions for the May 12, 2020 Annual Town Elections.
- B. Approve the parade permit submitted by Brandon Motta on behalf of the Provincetown Recreations Commission's annual 4th of July Parade to be held on Saturday, July 4th, 2020.
- C. As Commissioners of the John A Henry Trust Fund, to allocate an additional \$5,000 to the annual spending allotment of \$40,000 for FY2020.

Without objection Chair Abramson waived the reading of the consent items and without further objection declared the consent agenda approved.

Update from Board of Health Chairman Steve Katsurinis – the Board of Health incorporation with the Select Board ordered a Shelter in Place order. Between that meeting and now, the Govern has placed a Stay at Home order. The Board of Heath will be meeting on Wednesday at 4 pm to consider some fine-tuning to the order. Will have information at that time on how the orders will work together. We hope to have more information on that soon. The essential goal: to protect people by having people shelter in their homes.

Health Director Morgan Clark – our public health nurse has been in contact with both cases to ensure their needs are being met. Recommends anyone with questions to go to the Town of Provincetown website on COVID-19. <http://www.provincetown-ma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=944> Our first responders have their addresses so if they need to respond to them they can be protected.

Update from Town Manager Robin Craver – In an effort to keep Provincetown's residents and businesses informed regarding ongoing COVID-19 developments, we continue to provide updates regularly on the Town's website and Facebook. The below includes updates since my last letter to residents, Friday, March 19, 2020.

- The Provincetown COVID-19 webpage <https://www.provincetown-ma.go/1313/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Information-Page> is updated daily.
- In addition to the webpage, residents are encouraged to stay informed and to sign up for emergency alerts at <https://alerts.provincetown-ma.gov/>.
- PTV will be running public service announcements for the community daily.

Updates on Town Department Operations

The Coronavirus is changing the way we do business in the Town of Provincetown and we ask for your patience and understanding. Although Town Staff may not be able to help you in person, you can continue to communicate with all departments through e-mail and phone. All e-mail department contacts are available on the Town Website Department List. For Town Business during regular hours please call the individual department or the Hotline 508-413-9600.

- The Health and Licensing Departments will continue to reach out to the business community to ensure that businesses are informed and complying with the Shelter in Place Order as well as all declarations coming from the Governor and Department of Public Health.

- Parking Ban in effect. The Provincetown Select Board issued a State of Emergency and Parking Ban for Commercial Street from Pearl Street to Central Street and limited access parking for the municipal parking lots. Parking will be permitted for anyone with a parking permit (2019 permits are still in effect until May 1, 2020, 2020 Permits are currently available online). Parking is also available in the municipal lots for all employees and customers of essential businesses and services. The intent of the parking ban is to make clear that Provincetown is not “business as usual during a State of Emergency”. We are not barricading our borders, but anyone coming to Provincetown to conduct essential business needs to comply with the Shelter in Place Order (available online) and must practice social distancing.
- The Town Manager and the Finance Department will be reviewing the budget impacts before town meeting. We recognize there will be losses to revenue as many planned events are cancelling.
- The Town is partnering with the Provincetown COVID-19 Task Force to seek volunteers and will be installing a drop box at the Provincetown Police Station to accept applications.
- The Transfer Station will ONLY be open during normal business hours for private haulers and residents that do not have curb-side collection. All other residential customers are required to use the Town provided curb-side service. The swap shop will remain closed. Starting Tuesday March 24th, the recycle center will be closed. We will not be allowing yard waste drop-off, mattress recycling, or other services that require cash/credit transaction.
- Water Department Reduced Services. Effective Friday March 20, 2020, the Water Department will no longer be scheduling seasonal water turn on’s. Anyone that currently has an appointment will be serviced but no new requests will be handled at this time. This is necessary because it is often necessary for the water technician to enter the home to turn on the service. Questions, comments and concerns should be directed to the Water Department at (508) 487-7060.
- The Town is conducting Virtual Regulatory Town Board Public Hearings and online live stream on PTV <http://www.provincetowntv.org/watch.html> allowing boards members and the public the opportunity to provide input on the applications without putting anyone at risk. To participate, check the online posted agenda for call in instructions. Non-essential town board and committee meetings will be postponed.
- The Building Department is continuing to conduct inspections and review plans. Community Development is continuing to accept permit applications, fee payments, and inspection requests left for the Department in the drop box at the lower Ryder Street entrance of Town Hall. When dropping off paperwork or a payment call 508-487-7020 to notify Community Development staff.
- The Treasurer’s Office has extended the due date for all motor vehicle excise bills for 2020 Commitment 1 that were due until April 1, 2020. The deadline for payment has been extended by two weeks. Taxpayers can make payments online, over the phone by calling 866-448-1988, through the mail to the address listed on their bill or to Town Hall, or through the drop box outside of the Ryder St Town Hall entrance.
- Human Resources is still collecting Applications for the Seasonal Positions in the following Departments: Department of Public Works, Parking Department, Pier Corps, Police Department, and Recreation

Department. Job descriptions and applications can be found on the town's website and can be mailed or dropped off in the drop box at the Ryder Street Entrance of Town Hall or by email to ezarcaro@provincetown-ma.gov. Until further notice, applications may continue to be accepted despite the deadline dates.

- Second half FY20 Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed April 1, 2020 and will be due on May 1st. Since so many properties have their real estate tax via escrow, no extension is being considered at this time.
- Online payments can be made for the following (all in the same location):
 - Real Estate Taxes
 - Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes
 - Personal Property Taxes
 - Boat Excise Taxes
 - Water and Sewer Payments
 - PPS Early Learning Payments
 - Recreation Adult and Children's Program Payments
 - Town Clerk Vital Record Payments
 - Tax Title Payments
- Online payments can also be made for (through separate avenues):
 - Community Development Permits and Licensing
 - Parking Ticket/Parking Permits
 - Past due personal property and excise taxes through separate avenues
- The Assessor's Office continues to serve the public through email and phone requests.
- The Provincetown Health Department is coordinating weekly meetings with local human services agencies to ensure that the needs of Provincetown residents are met during the State of Emergency. The Emergency Management Department will coordinate with existing area service providers (SKIP, ASGCC, Provincetown Canteen Unit, etc.) on how to best utilize volunteers.
- The Provincetown Health Department is also implementing weekly calls with first responder and healthcare partners to understand their needs and facilitate communication among the entities.
 - ❖ Provincetown Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) staff continue to participate in Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (BCREPC) calls. Updates from the last call include:
 - ❖ Cape Cod Healthcare and other health care providers are prohibiting visitors from the premises, isolation tents have been erected at emergency departments at the hospitals.
 - ❖ The BCREPC opened the Multi-Agency Coordination Center to assist with response efforts during business hours.
 - ❖ The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has partially activated its State and Regional Emergency Operations Centers.
- Council on Aging Staff has reach out to program participants to inform them that despite the building closure and cancellation of some programs, staff is available to provide assistance and stay connected by providing information, referral and support to older adults through phones and email.

- The Library will continue to be available by phone during their regular business hours 487-7094 or email araff@clamsnet.org to answer questions and assist with library cards and online access. Please allow for extra rings as the call is being forwarded. Check website provincetownlibrary.org, the library's Facebook page and Instagram for updates and new information about the library. Weather permitting and when Crop Swap items are available they will be at the Commercial Street entrance door and Facebook pages of Library and Crop Swap will be updated.
 - The Provincetown Public Pier Corporation is maintaining a presence on the Pier and is available by phone, however, the Harbormaster's Office is closed to the public. There will be a drop box installed at the Harbormaster's Office shortly which will allow the public to drop off applications. The Pier Corp will hold a virtual Public Hearing on Thursday, March 26th at 5pm- this meeting is essential to the upcoming season as it sets new policies, adjusted and changed rates and leads us into new dock/berth assignments for the newly constructed floating docks and some on the fixed piers. Consult the agenda for instructions on how to participate.
- The Provincetown Schools are closed. The Schools are offering food to students in the interim with twice weekly pick-ups on Tuesdays and Fridays. For more information or to see how you can help the Schools, check their website <http://www.provincetownschools.com/> or Facebook page.

Updates from Governor Baker and State Agencies

The Town is linking the daily situation updates from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency's COVID19 Command Center. These updates provide a good deal of information coming from the State.

- Governor Charlie Baker orders all non-essential businesses to cease in person operation, directs the Department of Public Health to issue Stay at Home Advisory for two weeks and updates the Assembly Order to limit gatherings to 10 people.
- Beginning this week, in order to better meet the needs of residents whose employment has been affected by the COVID-19, the Department of Unemployment Assistance will be hosting daily town hall meetings to help constituents achieve a successful unemployment claim. DUA will also take questions from claimants across the Commonwealth. Check Mass.gov for details.
- Protections for Individuals Covered by MassHealth & the Health Connector: The Administration announced important protections for MassHealth members and individuals covered by the Health Connector effective March 18, 2020. MassHealth and the Health Connector will protect coverage for all individuals who have Medicaid coverage as of March 18, 2020 and for all individuals approved for coverage during the national emergency. This protection will extend to one month after the national emergency is over. Coverage will only end if an individual requests termination of eligibility or if they are no longer a resident of the state. Members will not lose coverage or have a decrease in benefits for any other reason. For individuals who have received notices that their coverage ended after March 18, 2020, no change in coverage will occur. These individuals do not have to send in any paperwork to keep their coverage, it is protected. This will ensure all MassHealth members have access to testing and treatment they may need related to COVID-19.
- Expanded Small Business Resources: The Administration announced a \$10 Million Small Business

Recovery Loan Fund to provide financial relief to small businesses and non-profits impacted by COVID-19. The Administration announced that MassDevelopment's Board of Directors will meet to vote on a partnership that will make an additional \$10 million available for the Small Business Recovery Loan Fund. The state-level emergency loan fund is aimed at providing crucial resources for small businesses that will supplement important federal relief. Massachusetts businesses impacted by COVID-19 may now apply for low-interest loans.

- **Tax Relief for Businesses:** The Baker-Polito Administration is announcing tax penalty relief to support businesses affected by COVID-19. The Department of Revenue announced that it has extended the due date for March and April Rooms Occupancy Tax and Meals Tax to June 20, 2020.
- **Limiting Need for In-Person RMV Visits:** The Administration today is taking further action to limit the need for customers to visit the Registry of Motor Vehicles in person. Today, Governor Baker issued an order allowing the Registrar to extend vehicle registrations and modify the conditions of registrations, plates and titles. It also enables the waiver of certain inspection requirements.
- **Smoke Alarm Inspections:** Governor Baker issued an order making a change to the inspection statutes that require a smoke and carbon dioxide alarm inspection prior to a residential real estate transaction. The Order would permit the inspection to be deferred if the buyer contractually assumes responsibility for installing the detectors and the subsequent inspection happens within 90 days of the conclusion of the COVID-19 emergency.
- **New Law to Accelerate Unemployment Insurance:** The Governor signed emergency legislation to allow new claims to be paid more quickly by waiving the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits. This important change will ensure we can get much-needed unemployment assistance to workers impacted by COVID-19. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development is deploying additional employees to work on processing the large volume of claims.
- The Governor also announced a new COVID-19 workforce web page that includes the latest guidance for employee qualifications and additional. www.mass.gov/unemployment/covid-19 . The Governor formally requested that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) issue a "declaration of economic injury" for the Commonwealth. This declaration would make it possible for low-interest loans to be made available through the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program to business owners affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.
- **Extension of Professional Licenses:** Governor Baker signed a new emergency order to ensure that licensed professionals do not have their licenses or registrations lapse due to unforeseen problems with renewal during the COVID-19 emergency. Specifically, under this order, occupational or professional licenses of individuals that are in good standing and that would otherwise be up for renewal during the COVID-19 emergency shall be extended for 90 days after the end of the public health emergency. This order does not affect license extensions that have already been granted in earlier emergency orders.

Updates from the Community

- The Provincetown Stop and Shop is open seven days a week and has dedicated the hours of 6:00 am to 7:30 am exclusively for seniors and those who are immunocompromised. Normal business hours are from 7:30 am to 8pm.

- The Soup Kitchen in Provincetown (SKIP) is providing meals for pick-up only on a first come first serve basis from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.
- Feeling Stressed by Provincetown Emergency Order? PC19 Task Force Stress Support Team is available for anyone needing to talk a bit for support. If you'd like to talk with someone by phone. From 9-7 daily, a community member with experience helping people stressed by these trying time is available to help. Call- 508-309-5848 (you can leave a message on this line).
- Curaleaf Provincetown has announced that they will be closing from Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at noon until noon on April 7, 2020.
- If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms **fever, difficulty breathing, or cough, call Outer Cape Health Services at 508-905-2888 BEFORE GOING TO ANY OF THEIR HEALTH CENTERS.** They will screen you over the phone and give you directions to get tested based on the results of the screen.

Outer Cape Health Services (OCHS), is continuing to do everything possible to ensure that patients are both cared for and kept as safe as possible from transmission of the novel coronavirus. The new telemedicine/telehealth options mean that you do not have to cancel your upcoming appointments.

As an alternative to in-person visits, telemedicine/telehealth appointments are available to both primary care and behavioral health patients via the use of telephonic and/or video devices. We do realize that not every visit can be accomplished virtually as there are still times when you may need to come in to see us or a specialist. An OCHS nurse will make that determination with you depending on the care you require. Please note: special areas and appointment times are being reserved for non-COVID 19 related visits at all of our health centers.

If you need to schedule an in-person or telemedicine appointment with a medical provider for either a new issue or for follow up of an existing condition, please do not hesitate to contact our Patient Access Center at 508-905-2888. Our behavioral health providers are also successfully filling appointments remotely with clients. Behavioral health clients may also call the Patient Access Center for scheduling assistance.

Site Services: OCHS continues to offer same-day, urgent care for non-COVID-19 related matters all day at our Provincetown Health Center. Our Wellfleet and Harwich Port sites will split operating days between seeing non-COVID-19 related visits and COVID-19 symptomatic related visits, in order to help limit exposure.

Hours of Operation: OCHS remains here for the community; however, [health center and pharmacy hours](#) have been adjusted to maintain staffing and fiscal stability during these trying times.

We continue monitoring the situation as it evolves and will revisit and adjust any actions as deemed necessary. If you have questions please feel free to contact me via email at rcraver@provincetown-ma.us.

1. Public Statements – Three (3) minutes maximum. Select Board Members do not respond during public statements

- **Jay Gurewitsch** – Please reconsider the suspension of all regular board during this time, we are here to

help and it is not the time to line up the volunteers and throw them over board.

- **Resident** - Morgan Clark had commented that there is information out there about people, who wish to have safe sex, is that information available.

2. Select Board Member's Opening Statements – (Votes may be taken)

- **Robert Anthony** – When we talked about the virus 2 weeks ago, the next day the Town Manger picked up the reins along with the Board of Health. I want to commend her as well as the Board of Health and Staff. Sheltering in Place is going to be an important issue in this content. If we limit contact, we can hopefully diminish the result. I commend Robin, the staff and Board of Health for taking the reins and moving this forward.
- **Lise King** – I want to echo Bobby's remarks about the Town Manager. A lot of people do not see all the activities behind the scenes. I want to address a question I got today. This is not about full time or part time, the decision we made are about how to keep everyone safest. You should shelter where your primary providers are. I am here to be of service.
- **Louise Venden** – I can only echo and support the comments being made about the Town Manager, the Board of Health and the entire Business community who have come together and made this happen. I am encouraging the Town Manager and leaders of our boards to go on PTV and do public service announcements. Please check on each other.
- **John Golden** – I want to echo everyone else's comments about the Town Staff and Town Manager Robin Craver. I moved here a long time ago to die. It was the compassion and kindness of this town that got me through. The people who you are taking to today are the same you will be speaking to in 3-4 months, just be kind to them.
- **David Abramson** – like others have said. I want to thank Robin Craver leading the efforts. Most people do not know the work that she and staff have been working on behind the scene. A special thank you to the Board of Health. On the Shelter in Place order, we put the April 30th through date as we are asking people to prepare and give them a time frame reference. It is a good time for us to shelter in place. I hope that people will heed that order and exercise caution when going out. I hope that people take advantage of the outdoor.

3. Appointments – (Votes may be taken on the following interviews)

A. Planning Board Alternate – Monica Stubner

Monica Stubner is a full time resident of 26 years and until recently worked for a local development company. She discussed with the board her background and interest in joining the planning board. The Board asked if there were any possible conflicts and if she would be able to attend meetings. The board thanked her for applying.

Move that the Select Board appoint Monica Stubner as an alternate member to the Planning Board with a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: Lise King

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea

Lise King: Yea

Louise Venden: Yea

John Golden: Yea

Dave Abramson: Yea

B. Provincetown Public Pier Corporation – Jamie Staniscia and Barbara Dyett

Louise Venden stated her Ms. Dyett is her tenant and she recused herself from the discussion.

Barbara Dyett discussed with the Select Board her background in work she has done for various government agencies that she feels would help her if she was appointed to the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation. She feels the pier is a vital part of this community and would like to work on creating new ways to support the fisherman including apply for Grants whenever possible. The Board discussed with Ms. Dyett her experience working specially with commercial fisherman that supports a local industry.

Jamie Staniscia is a full time resident of Provincetown and his own aquaculture grant. He has been attending the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation meetings as well as the Economic Development Committee and feels there is a disconnect between the various boards and would like to see more coordination between the two to help support the Economic Development plan to expand the Blue economy. The Board discussed with Ms. Staniscia how he felt he could support the local fisherman.

Lise King – I would like to nominate Jamie Staniscia

Move that the Select Board Jamie Staniscia as a regular member to the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation with a term to expire on July 29, 2023

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: Robert Anthony

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea

Lise King: Yea

John Golden: Yea

Dave Abramson: Yea

Louise Venden returned to the meeting.

4. Joint Meeting/Presentations/Requests – (Votes May be taken on the following items):

A. Discuss and on Declaration of Emergency

The Board held an emergency meeting on Sunday, March 22, 2020. The Board discussed their talking points and voted to reaffirm their March 22, 2020 vote.

Move that the Select Board vote to declare a State of Emergency to facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of COVID-19. This declaration will remain in effect until further notice is given.

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: John Golden

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea

Lise King: Yea
Louise Venden: Yea
John Golden: Yea
Dave Abramson: Yea

Move that the Select Board vote to suspend all non-regulatory boards and Finance Committee meetings until further notice.

Motion: Dave Abramson
Seconded: Robert Anthony

For discussion: Member Venden disagrees with the suspension of non-regulatory boards. Town Staff is making this request due to the reduction of staff coming into town hall. Member King, Golden, and Vice Chair Anthony support the suspension. Chair Abramson suggests an amendment.

Move that the Select Board vote to suspend all non-regulatory boards and Finance Committee meetings until further notice, should any of the non-regulatory boards deem it is necessary; they can consult with the Town Manager and Chair to determine if they need to be scheduled.

Motion: David Abramson
Seconded: Robert Anthony

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea
Lise King: Yea
Louise Venden: Yea
John Golden: Yea
Dave Abramson: Yea

B. Discuss and vote on Postponement of Annual Town Election

Move that Select Board vote to postpone the elections until Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Move: David Abramson
Seconded: John Golden

Town Manager Robin Craver - Given the grave repercussions of groups getting together and the fact we have been given the power to postpone the town election, we are going to do so. The bill allows for an extension on the deadlines for voters registration and for an expanded mail in vote.

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea
Lise King: Yea
Louise Vended: Yea
John Golden: Yea
David Abramson: Yea

C. Discuss and vote on Town Manager's Authorization during the State of Emergency

- a. **Town Grant Acceptance and Contract Authority**
- b. **Gift Fund – Acceptance and Expenditure**
- c. **Parade Permit**

Town Manager is asking for the authority to be delegated to her during the state of emergency to allow for town business to continue to be conducted during this time.

Move that the Select Board vote that during the State of Emergency to delegate, after consultation with the Chair, full authority of Town Grant Acceptance and Contract Authority to the Town Manager above and beyond the 2015-11-09 Select Board statement.

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: Louise Venden

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea

Lise King: Yea

Louise Venden: Yea

John Golden: Yea

Dave Abramson: Yea

Move that the Select Board vote as commissioners of all town gift funds vote that during the State of Emergency to delegate, after consultation with the Chair, full authority to the Town Manager to accept and expend funds.

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: Lise King

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea

Lise King: Yea

Louise Venden: Yea

John Golden: Yea

Dave Abramson: Yea

Move that the Select Board as commissions of the Public Way vote that during the State of Emergency to delegate, after consultation with the Police Chief, full authority to approve Parade Permits to the Town Manager.

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: John Golden

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea

Lise King: Yea

Louise Venden: Yea

John Golden: Yea

Dave Abramson: Yea

D. Discuss and vote on request from Brewster Select Board.

Town Manager – thing have already happened since this was requested. Does the board wish to table this item and ask the Brewster board if they wish to amend their request?

At this time, the board feels this item needs no action.

5. 7 PM Public Hearings – (Votes may be taken on the following items):

- A. Continued Public Hearing from March 6th, 2020 – April 6th, Special and Annual Town Meeting Select Board’s submitted Articles.**
- a. Continue Public Hearing until May 26, 2020**
 - b. Recommend Postpone Annual Town Meeting by Moderator Mary Jo Avellar (via Phone)**

Due to the concerns to public safety, the Select Board discussed continuing their public hearing and requesting the Moderator postpone the annual town meeting.

Move that the Select Board vote to continue the public hearing to May 26, 2020 at 7 pm.

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: Louise Venden

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea

Lise King: Yea

Louise Venden: Yea

John Golden: Yea

Dave Abramson: Yea

Move that the Select Board vote per M.G.L. c.39, §10A to request the moderator continue the April 6, 2020 Special and Annual Town Meeting until April 22, 2020.

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: Louise Venden

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea

Lise King: Yea

Louise Venden: Yea

John Golden: Yea

Dave Abramson: Yea

- B. Harbor Regulations – take comments and consideration on the Changes to the Harbor Regulations (to be continued)**

Move that the Select Board vote to continue the Public Hearing until June 8, 2020

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: Robert Anthony

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea

Lise King: Yea

Louise Venden: Yea

John Golden: Yea

Dave Abramson: Yea

6. Town Manager Administrative Matters – Topics to include but not limited to: (Votes May be taken on the following items)

A. Staff Biweekly updates

B. Others – Other matters that may legally come before the Board not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours before the meeting.

Town Manager Craver gave the majority of the report at the beginning of the meeting. There is a COVID-19 task force that has been formed. They have been trained by Barnstable County. We are working with this task force to become a part of our hub. This group has many people who are nurses, health care professional and mental health counselors. They have contacted us about helping the town. This force also has counselors who have agreed to main a hot line so if someone is needing to speak to them, they are available. This is part of helping people with their mental health.

7. Minutes - (Votes May Be Taken)

A. March 6, 2020 10:45 am

B. March 9, 2020 5 pm

C. March 9, 2020 6 pm

Move that the Select Board approve the minutes of:

March 6, 2020	10:45 am	(Special) [x] as printed [] with changes so noted
March 9, 2020	5:00 pm	(Special) [] as printed [x] with changes so noted
March 9, 2020	6:00 pm	(Regular) [] as printed [x] with changes so noted

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: John Golden

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea

Lise King: Yea

Louise Venden: Yea

John Golden: Yea

Dave Abramson: Yea

8. Select Board Closing Matters - Topics to Include but not limited to: (Votes May be taken on the following items)

A. Pending Items List

- **Robert Anthony** – I want to once again congratulate Robin Craver for all of her hard work. Moreover, reminded the public to Shelter in Place wash your hands and do not touch your face and I think we will be ok.
- **Lise King** – I think this is a frighten time right now; we are in an event none of us could anticipate. I know it is hard. I know folks are waffling between ignoring and tuning into the news and getting a full dose of frightening reality. I believe in our hearts we are going to make it through this together. We have a lot of help with volunteers. Hang tight we are going to get through this. I am proud of our staff and board and our Chair.
- **John Golden** – we are all a community here and have compassion to each other and be kind. A little mind your own business. We will get through this.
- **Louise Venden** – I learned long ago, the struggle in life is between fear and love. I am hoping that people do not attach themselves so dramatically to fear. I am hopeful, and I think this event will make this community stronger.
- **David Abramson** – take away fear and replace it with faith. It has been a lot sleepless night to keep the work going and we are trying to help get people through this. Reach out to Town Hall if you need assistance and have any questions. To our business community, we have to make sure we stick with the facts we have a plan while the order from the Health Department is in place until the end of April. Anyone who is struggling with finances, call your financial institution. Please take advantage of your resources. We are lucky we live in a place where you can go out for a walk in the woods and find some peace and quiet. Take some time out for self-care. Be well and stay safe.

Motion to adjourn – John Golden

Seconded – Lise King

Roll Call Vote

Robert Anthony: Yea

Lise King: Yea

Louise Venden: Yea

John Golden: Yea

Dave Abramson: Yea

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm

Minutes transcribed by: Elizabeth Paine