

Lincoln Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Offices

Members Presents: Frederick Mansfield, MD
Steven Kanner, MD
Patricia Miller

Others Present: Stan Sosnicki, Asst. Public Health Director, Trish McGean, Town Nurse, and
Elaine Carroll, Adm. Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Steven Kanner made a motion to approve the regular and Executive Session minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting as amended. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. The next meeting will be on April 1, 2020 in the Donaldson Room.

Because of the Coronavirus health concerns, no other items on the agenda will be heard at this meeting. All items will be postponed to a later date.

Coronavirus Update:

The members discussed the public health risks of having the Town Meeting on March 28 and all the members felt that there was no way that this should occur. Trish said that it may be postponed until the end of April. The problem is that there are certain items that have to be met by a certain date. Trish said there was going to be a Department head meeting and that a member or members of the Board of Health should be present. Trish offered the recommendation that the COA cancel all group meeting and activities. Trish said there have been no positive cases in Lincoln, Concord and Carlisle. The test includes taking 2 swabs 24 hours apart. The CDC is also saying that some people who died of the flu may have had COVID-19. So far in Massachusetts there are 93 cases with 6 confirmed and 87 presumptive positive with 77 of those coming from the Biogen group. The Superintendent of Schools is limiting access to teachers and staff and cancelling all activities including sports. The JFK Library and Museum is closed to the public. Patricia said they are cancelling all meetings at the hospital and trying to figure out how to use skype. Dr. Kanner said there were no sanitary methods at the primary elections and if the Town elections are held there needs to be a sanitary plan in place. We need to come up with a plan for sanitizing surfaces after every use since germs last 5-9 days on a hard surface. The nursing homes are limiting people coming in to visit. Trish would get notified from the State if there were any cases in Lincoln. She get hourly updates and would notify the board and post it on the special website that was set up on the Town website just for the Coronavirus updates. If someone was to be quarantined, Trish would call them every day or every other day to see how they are doing. She cannot give the names of the people out. Right now there is a lack of testing but Dr. Kanner said he is testing 3 people tomorrow morning. Stan will go and talk to Donelan's and give them some tips on sanitizing certain public food areas.

Becky McFall, School Superintendent, came in from a meeting downstairs. She said that most of the messages she has gotten were good. The school is continually wiping down common area and the night custodians are spraying on surfaces, which then dries overnight. They are just starting conversations about any school closings. The Dept. of Education has not approved credit for any missing school days and not using at home credits because of inadequacies for at home help. There was an adult who works for Biogen but not at conference and is staying home but she has a child in the Lincoln schools. Trish will contact Becky about the person and Becky will give her Trish's information so that Trish can monitor her. Residents should be working through their primary care physicians. Dr. Kanner will notify Tim Higgins that the Board of Health strongly against having Town Meeting on March 28 and Town Elections on March 30.

Bills Paid: Emerson Hospital Home Care for the Town Nurse in the amount of \$1,670 each for January and February, 2020.

There being no further business, Steven Kanner made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine M. Carroll