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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2021 FEB 23 AM 8:16 OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DUXBURY, MASS.

Present: Theodore J. Flynn, Chair; David J. Madigan, Vice Chair; and Amy M. MacNab, Clerk

Staff: René Read, Town Manager; John Q. Adams, Finance Director; and Nancy O'Connor, Executive Assistant

Others: Fire Chief Kevin Nord; Tracy Mayo, Health Agent; Kathy Carney, Town Nurse; Melissa Rosenblatt, Board of Health; Resident Megan Driscoll Greenstein; and Marc Cullinan

CONVENED IN OPEN SESSION (*via remote participation of the Board members and staff*)

I. CALL TO ORDER This meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 am. *This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Virus. In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. The Order, which you can find posted on our agenda, allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. For public access – please email at oconnor@town.duxbury.ma.us or call-in at 781-934-1100 x5400 for questions or comments.*

This meeting convened via Zoom video conference produced and recorded by PACTV, and viewed live on the Duxbury Government Access Channels – Verizon 39 or Comcast 15; or visit www.pactv.org/duxbury for Duxbury programming, replays and on-demand.

II OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS: No official “open forum” as these are remote meetings. No public comments via phone calls or emails were received during this meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Discussions pertaining to potential COVID-19 testing clinic
Ms. MacNab began by thanking Ms. Greenstein for her letter.

Ms. Greenstein stated that she wrote the letter because testing was a frustration for everyone – primarily finding and getting a test was difficult. She stated that she had to go to Hingham, which considers residents first and then non-residents if there are openings. Ms. Greenstein then spoke with Marc Cullinan, Duxbury resident with a concierge testing business – NE Med Solutions, and then she reached out to Ms. MacNab regarding a testing site in Town. Ms. Greenstein mentioned the use of the Senior Center, which would be close to the fire station if care is needed. She then said that the residents pay and would not be subsidized by the Town.

Mr. Cullinan added that the goal is to make testing more accessible because it would be in one location. Mr. Madigan asked what test does he use. Mr. Cullinan answered that it's the gold standard PCR testing, which is sent overnight with test results returned in just over 24 hours.

There was some discussion regarding the number of testing days, and Mr. Madigan felt that instead of six days a week maybe two days a week to start. If there is a demand for more days, the timeline could then be revisited. Ms. Mayo added that under the State travel order, testing should be within 72 hours of returning. It was mentioned that if people came home skiing or if someone was a close contact, Mondays and Thursdays for testing makes sense.

There was also discussion regarding Cares Act funding. Mr. Read confirmed that we have no Cares Act funding available as it has already been allocated.

Ms. MacNab asked if the testing clinic could morph into a vaccine clinic. Chief Nord responded that that would not be allowed under DPH rules and for legal reasons. He continued to say that private testing is a good idea.

Mr. Madigan questioned the \$175 price and how to bring that cost down. Mr. Cullinan responded that they are subsidizing to bring the cost down to \$140. Ms. Greenstein mentioned that people are paying for the tests so something is better than nothing.

Mr. Read commented that there is a stay at home order to discourage travel and expressed concern about opening up a clinic so people could go skiing. Ms. Greenstein remarked that this won't change anything that people are already doing because a lot of people have homes in New Hampshire. Ms. MacNab agreed that in reality people aren't supposed to be doing this, but they are, and if people can get testing, it is helping to protect others.

Chief Nord remarked that more testing is always good, and this would be at no cost to the Town. He also mentioned that the Town Nurse, Kathy Carney, could not participate as the Town is already strapped.

Ms. MacNab moved that the Board of Selectmen approves the plan to set up a testing site at the Senior Center by a private testing company (NE Med Solutions) with no cost to be borne by the Town, and in accordance with the Town's rules and regulations.

Seconded by Ms. MacNab Roll Call Vote: Mr. Flynn-Aye; Mr. Madigan-Aye; and Ms. MacNab-Aye

IV ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Madigan moved that at approximately 9:42AM, the Board of Selectmen adjourn.

Seconded by Ms. MacNab Roll Call Vote: Mr. Flynn-Aye; Mr. Madigan-Aye; and Ms. MacNab-Aye

Minutes submitted by Nancy O'Connor

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- 1) Agenda*
- 2) Documentation from Ms.*