

JOINT SELECT BOARD AND BOARD OF HEALTH EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2020 at 6:00pm
VIRTUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Select Board Chair Sandy Wilson called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:04pm. Chair Sandra Wilson, Vice-Chair Harry Brooks, 2nd Vice-Chair Rick Antanavica and Selectman John Shocik were in attendance. Selectwoman Dianna Provencher was absent.

Board of Health Chair/Emergency Management Director Chris Montiverdi called the Board of Health meeting to order at 6:04pm. Board of Health Chair/Emergency Management Director Chris Montiverdi and Board of Health members Pamela Hale and Richard Spaulding were in attendance.

Other participants who identified themselves were David Genereux, Julie Van Arsdalen, Kelly Conroy, Kristen Forsberg, Allison Lawrence, Debbie Davis, Bryan Milward and Andy Bourke.

1. SCHEDULED ITEMS

a. 6:00pm – Joint Declaration of Town-Wide Emergency (COVID-19)

Mr. Montiverdi stated the number of COVID-19 cases in the State continues to increase, including confirmed cases in Rutland and Worcester. The State Department of Public Health says they have evidence of community-wide spread of the disease. Many communities are beginning to declare local states of emergency which would provide access to federal funds should they become available along with potential modifications of certain Mass General Laws.

Ms. Wilson noted that in the past, the Town did not qualify for funds because they did not declare a local state of emergency.

A motion was made by Mr. Antanavica and seconded by Mr. Brooks to declare a local state of emergency. Roll call: 4:0:0.

Mr. Genereux stated all Town Buildings have been closed since Monday, but offices are staffed and working with residents via email and over the phone. Employees were given the option of leaving and only one has done so to date.

A motion as made by Ms. Hale and seconded by Mr. Spaulding to declare a local public health emergency. The motion carried 3:0:0.

The Boards discussed the GoToMeeting platform for virtual board and committee meetings. Overall, the first test run of the program worked well and there are a few follow up questions to be researched including how to share information and how to obtain access for other boards and committees.

A motion to adjourn the Select Board meeting was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Brooks at 6:19pm. The motion carried 4:0:0.

A motion to adjourn the Board of Health meeting was made by Mr. Spaulding and seconded by Ms. Hale at 6:19pm. The motion carried 3:0:0.