

**Weston Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2020
6:30pm-7:15pm
Zoom Meeting
Meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/721311648>
Meeting ID: 721-311-648
Password: 615506
Call in number: 646-558-8656**

Present: Laura Azzam, Chair
Dr. David Kominz, Member
Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro, Member
Wendy Diotalevi, R.S., Public Health Director
Beth Ann Boles, R.S, Health Agent

I. Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Dr. David Kominz made a motion to approve the April 28th and May 5th, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes. Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro second the motion. Vote unanimous. Motion carries.

II. Director's Report – COVID-19 Update

Contacts are now tested as soon as possible whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic. The Board of Health can issue a letter for a contact to be tested so there is now no wait time for a Primary Care Physician to write a script for the COVID-19 test.

Discussion of a Weston High School Graduation is in the works. The plan needs to be presented to the BOH and LEPC for approval.

Also, a discussion on teachers being let into the schools is being considered and looking at allowing students to pick up their belongings soon in order to get the schools cleaned and ready for the next school year in the fall.

III. Appoint Weston Police Department as Agents of the Weston Board of Health

Public Health Director Wendy Diotalevi requested that the Board act on the appointment of Weston's Police Department as agents of the BOH because of the unprecedented need for community outreach and enforcement during the COVID-19 pandemic. In *M.G.L. c. 111, § 30 Agents; appointment; inspections*, it allows for the Board to take this action as stated: *Section 30. Boards of health may appoint agents or directors of public health to act for them in cases of emergency or if they cannot conveniently assemble, and any such agent or director shall have all the authority which the board appointing him had; but he shall in each case within two days report his action to the board for its approval, and shall be directly responsible to it and under its direction and control. An agent or director of public health appointed to make sanitary inspections may make complaint of violations of any law, ordinance or by-law relative to the public health.*

Ms. Diotalevi explained to the Board that this appointment will be for the duration of the state of emergency pertaining to COVID-19, or until rescinded by the BOH,

whichever happens first. As agents, the Weston Police Department will be able to engage in all public outreach, enforcement, and mitigation activities that existing Board of Health staff can perform. The Board was also informed that the Weston Police Department will need to consult with the BOH, to be guided by its regulations during public health activities, and need to document and forward reports within two days to the BOH.

Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro made a motion to approve Ms. Diotalevi's request to appoint Weston's Police Dept as agents of the Board of Health for the duration of the state of emergency pertaining to COVID-19, or until rescinded by the BOH, whichever happens first, with the understanding that the Weston Police Department will need to consult with the BOH, to be guided by its regulations during public health activities, and need to document and forward reports within two days to the BOH. Dr. David Kominz second the motion. Vote unanimous. Motion carries.

IV. **Next Meeting**
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:30PM (Zoom Meeting)

V. **Adjourn**