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TOWN OF CHARLTON
Minutes of Regular Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 6:30pm
Due to COVID19 – meeting held by ZOOM app

Present remotely: Chairman – David M. Singer, Vice-Chairman – Karen A. Spiewak, Clerk – William Borowski, Members – Deborah B. Noble and John P. McGrath, Town Administrator – Andrew Golas and Student Selectperson – Anya Grondalski.

Others present remotely: Senator Ann Gobi, Representative Peter Durant, Town Clerk – Karen LaCroix and Board of Health Chairman – Matt Gagner.

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Singer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. He explained that due to COVID19, the board is meeting remotely via ZOOM.

II. Scheduled Appointments:

6:30pm – Board of Health – update on COVID-19, Response and Impacts. Chairman Singer stated that the government has temporarily suspended the Open Meeting Law whereas the board is meeting via ZOOM and residents can log in. He wanted to thank everyone and all that has helped us during this time.

Representative Peter Durant stated that Massachusetts is up to 1159 cases and 11 deaths. As of today, 13,749 have been tested. Locally, one confirmed case at Harrington. Two others being treated in ICU, waiting for results. For information on the COVID-19, text covidma to 888 777 to receive updates. He mentioned that the Charlton Board of Health will be receiving an \$8,000 check to help. The Governor has filed H4974 – COVID response to schools and permit extensions.

Senator Ann Gobi stated that the House and Senate are working on their own municipal package. This mirrors what the Governor has in his package. Regarding the budget process, it was mentioned that the experts they met with in December will be meeting with them again. She also thanked the school system for getting meals to children that need it.

John McGrath thanked Ann and Peter for their work as we move through this process. He also thanked the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Chairman Singer said there is a lot of misinformation out there. If anyone has any questions, dial 211 or go to the town's website for updates. Representative Durant agreed. He said there are a lot of questions being asked about unemployment. If you receive a W-2 for tax time, you are eligible for unemployment. If you only receive a 1099, you are not eligible.

Chairman Singer said that he saw a post that CVS will be hiring 50,000 people. This may be an opportunity for some as a supplemental income.

Karen Spiewak asked if we have been receiving a lot of calls for help. Andrew Golas stated that our office hasn't received any calls. They have been going to the Outreach Coordinator.

Chairman Singer asked for two things. Put information on town website and facebook page and set up a help line link that comes to our office as well. Ms. Spiewak mentioned that we should issue a press release.

Deb Noble stated that on the Human Resource Level for Section 8, many Housing Authorities are getting funding for DCHD. They have strict guidelines. Anyone going in or out has to sign in.

III. New Business:

1. Discussion on the delay of Town Election and Town Meeting. Mr. Golas stated that the Board of Selectmen can postpone the Town Election and Town Meeting. He had a conversation with Town Clerk LaCroix and she said it is feasible to postpone one month. Chairman Singer recommended postponing with no date at this time. Mr. Golas stated as long as we can give a 20 day notice of the date. Ms. LaCroix stated that 30 days would be best to allow them to prepare absentee ballots.

Bill Borowski would like to have the election on June 6, 2020. All current officials will serve until that time.

John McGrath and Deb Noble will abstain from this vote as it will affect them. Ms. Noble recommended having a caveat to revisit this if June doesn't work.

Motion by Mr. Borowski to postpone the Town Election and Town Meeting and task the Town Clerk to work with the School Department for dates that are available and reconvene in two weeks, seconded by Ms. Spiewak. Roll call vote taken: Ms. Spiewak – aye, Mr. Borowski – aye, Mr. McGrath – abstain, Ms. Noble – abstain and Chairman Singer – aye.

Matt Gagner, Chairman of the Board of Health joined the conversation and gave an update on what the Board of Health has been doing. He said that Health Inspector Jim Philbrook is on top of this.

IV. Other Business:

V. Next Meeting Announcement:

- BOS Regular Meeting – April 14, 2020 – 6:30pm

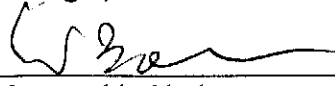
VI. Adjourn: Motion by Mr. Borowski to adjourn at 7:28pm, seconded by Mr. McGrath. Roll call vote taken: Ms. Spiewak – aye, Mr. Borowski – aye, Ms. Noble – aye, Mr. McGrath – aye and Chairman Singer – aye.

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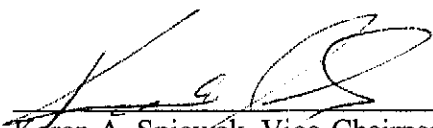
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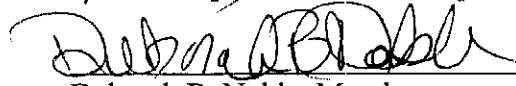
David M. Singer, Chairman



William Borowski, Clerk



Karen A. Spiewak, Vice-Chairperson



Deborah B. Noble, Member



John P. McGrath, Member