

Time being 11:30 a.m. **April 6, 2020** Eric Arvedon opened the meeting of the Foxborough Board of Health, under the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Massachusetts. Eric Arvedon, Chairman presiding, Paul Steeves, Vice Chairman, Elana Dekkers, M.D., Clerk, Pauline Zajdel, Health Director and Diane Passafaro, Public Health Coordinator were present. Meeting took place via tele-video conferencing with all participants participating remotely.

(This meeting was posted and conducted in a manner that met the requirements set forth in Governor Charlie Baker's March 12, 2020 Order, suspending certain provision of the open meeting law, during the Massachusetts State of Emergency declared on March 10, 2020)

E. Arvedon read the agenda of the April 6, 2020 Board of Health meeting aloud.

11:30 a.m. Board to vote on appointment of Health Director to act for them in cases of emergency or if they cannot conveniently assemble, and such, Director shall have all authority which the Board appointing this person had

E. Arvedon explained, that on the advice of the Town's Attorney and given the current State of Emergency, the Board of Health should make a formal vote and allow Pauline Zajdel the ability to act on the Board's behalf during times of an emergency or in lieu of the Board assembling.

E. Dekkers made a motion to appoint Health Director Pauline Zajdel, as an Agent of the Board of Health, and allow her the power to make decisions and act for them in cases of emergency or when the Board of Health cannot conveniently assemble. P. Steeves seconded the motion. E. Arvedon called for discussion.

P. Zajdel asked that the motion reference the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 111, Section 30.

E. Dekkers moved to amend the motion on the floor and to insert at the end of the motion "in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 111, Section 30".

Hearing no further discussion, E. Arvedon called for a vote on the motion as amended. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

Hearing no further discussion, E. Arvedon closed the matter at 11:43 a.m.

11:43 a.m. Additional Business and Health Director Updates

E. Dekkers inquired about her appointment with the Board and her pending resignation given that the State of Emergency resulted in the Town Elections to be postponed. She asked if she would be continuing her role until such time the Town Elections do occur.

E. Arvedon confirmed her appointment does stand until the next election if that was something she would agree to. E. Dekkers confirmed yes.

E. Arvedon provided updates related to recent communication that occurred between the Foxborough Health Department and some businesses in Town. Conversations with

the businesses focused on clarification regarding their “essential” status under Governor Baker’s non-essential business closure order. These updates included;

- Bass Pro: Non-essential and remains closed. At the Company’s request and Health Director approval however, two managers, a security guard, and one individual whose task includes the care of the live animals, will be present at the brick and mortar location on a daily basis. No boat repairs are being conducted.
- PetCo.: Essential and remains open providing essential pet food supplies only. It will be closed for non-essential services, including grooming.
- Foxboro Bike: Open for bike repairs only. Internal social distancing protocols have been established by the Company.

E. Arvedon and P. Zajdel continued and included updates from the COVID-19 task force meeting held earlier that day. Updates included the latest CDC recommendations, the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Foxborough to date and other information related to Town government as a whole.

12:00 p.m. P. Steeves made a motion to adjourn. E. Dekkers seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 3 – 0.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2020.

Elana Dekkers, M.D., Clerk/dp