

DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nancy Baker, Assistant Town Manager
Leanne Jasset, B.S.P., RPH Chairperson
Mary Ellard, RN., Member
Bridget Sweet, Interim Health Director
Fior Griffin, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

5:30 Board of Health Emergency meeting

The Board of health held an emergency board meeting on Wednesday March 18,2020 to address several calls from concerned citizens and update the public on the closure of additional facilities due to the Coronavirus.

In addition to those in attendance, the following people were on the call:

- Kathy Reda – RN., BSN Vice Chairperson
- Monica DeWinter – resident
- Monika Wilkinson -resident
- Patricia Sampson – resident
- Jessica Porter – resident
- Allison Staton – resident
- Carol Flaville – Dedham Food Pantry

Board of Health Motions

Mary Ellard moved that based on federal guidelines of reducing social gatherings to 10 people or less the Board of Health recommends temporary closures of fitness centers, ice rinks, and other indoor recreational facilities effective Thursday, March 19, 2020; seconded by Kathy Reda. By roll call vote: Kathy Reda voted yes, Mary Ellard voted yes, and Leanne Jasset voted yes.

Mary Ellard moved that effective Friday, March 20, 2020 the following establishments must discontinue offering services, nail salons, hair salons, barbershops, personal services, lash bars, acupuncture and massage salons as it is not feasible to provide these services at a safe distance between provider and client; Kathy Reda seconded. By roll call vote: Kathy Reda voted yes, Mary Ellard voted yes, and Leanne Jasset voted yes.

Mary Ellard moved that following the Governor's decision to close early childhood centers (daycare), effective Monday, March 23, 2020, the Dedham Board of Health is in agreement with this decision; seconded by Kathy Reda. By roll call vote: Kathy Reda voted yes, Mary Ellard voted yes, and Leanne Jasset voted yes.

Carol Flaville, from the Dedham Food Pantry, wanted to let the public know that they are open to any Dedham resident who needs assistance with food. They will be open Saturday mornings for the general public and Wednesday afternoon 1:30 - 3:00pm for seniors.

Interim Health Director Bridget Sweet reiterated that there are currently no positive or presumptive cases of Coronavirus in Dedham.

Assistant Town Manager, Nancy Baker, added that the town just launched a new landing page on the Dedham website site that will have more information, resources (including resources like the Food Pantry), and FAQs regarding the Coronavirus. She and the Board asks the public to remember that this is a constantly evolving situation. It is important to get your information from reliable sources and they encourage you to look on the town website, Board of Health website, CDC website or Ma.gov/DOPH for additional information.

Please adhere to all closures and continue to practice social distancing.

Motion to adjourn at 6:03 made by Kathy Reda. Motion seconded by Mary Ellard.