Minutes of the Dover Board of Health Meeting - March 9, 2020

Participating in zoom meeting:
Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Stephen Kruskall, M.D., member; Kay Petersen, M.D., member

1. Meeting called to order 9:15 am

2. At a meeting called solely at the urging of Mr. Springett, Nina Pickering-Cook, town counsel, asserted that the attorney general has determined that a waiver of the open meeting law is not actionable for emergency meetings. Dr. Kruskall questioned the process that both led to this meeting as well as the two major assertions made at that meeting by town counsel. He stated that he would seek a personally paid-for second opinion regarding both issues from a widely respected Massachusetts municipal lawyer.

3. The Board will keep the Board of Selectmen updated. Chris Dwellely will be copied on everything except where prohibited by HIPPA regulations.

4. A protocol plan will need to be released to the schools. The local boards of health are looking to the state for guidance.

5. A separate protocol plan will go to the Council on Aging and other institutions in town.

6. There should be a specific protocol for trash haulers from residences with people under quarantine and isolation.

7. Concern was expressed at the lack of email addresses for Dover residents.

8. The Boards of Health in Dover and Sherborn will participate in ongoing meetings and coordinate messaging.

9. The Board will set up a meeting with Town Counsel Nina Pickering-Cook in order to get clarification on open meeting law requirements during this time.

10. Meeting adjourned 10:20 am

Karen R. Hayett