Minutes of the Dover Board of Health Meeting - April 30, 2020

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

1. Meeting called to order at 10:05 am.

2. The numbers are down slightly since the peak. Additional guidance will be needed for antibody testing.

3. The Council on Aging has been receiving a growing number of requests for help with grocery shopping.

4. Dover still has an adequate number of mask and pulse oximeters though additional oximeters and thermometers have been ordered.

5. COA has also received requests for pulse oximeters. They will be given out on a case by case basis when the public health nurse deems it appropriate and necessary.

6. There was a discussion on the benefits of wearing masks in public as several towns have adopted that policy, but Dover has not. The Board recommends the use of masks while acknowledging the difficulty with enforcement.

7. It is unlikely that there will be a Dover Memorial Day Parade.

8. It's possible that farm stands may be allowed to open as long as they practice social distancing and shoppers do not touch the produce.

9. Landscapers seem to be abiding by the message delivered via bilingual fliers regarding masks and social distancing.

10. Minuteman Library Directors have been meeting to plan for and coordinate the opening of town libraries and are looking for guidance and input from local Boards of Health.

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

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