

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 25, 2020**

Consistent with guidance issued by Governor Baker on March 12, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law due to Covid-19, this meeting was held remotely using Zoom technology, Meeting ID 97045314249.

At 6:30 PM Chair Robert Springett called the meeting to order with members John Jeffries and Robyn Hunter present. Also in attendance were Christopher Dwelley, Town Administrator; Katelyn O'Brien, Assistant Town Administrator, and Mona DiSciullo, Administrative Assistant.

ATTENDEES: State Representative Denise Garlick; Don Vaughan, Nick LaChance and Bob Gallo, Colonial Water Company; Eric Worrall, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection; Municipal Project Manager David Sullivan

PRESS: None present.

Citizens' Comments

There are no citizens' comments.

I.1 Colonial Water Update and Discussion

On June 11, 2020 Dover was notified by the Colonial Water Company that E.coli bacteria was found at four sampling sites in the water supply in samples collected on June 10, 2020. Colonial issued a "Boil Water" order to all residents, and at the June 18, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting, representatives from Colonial provided a timeline of events and an update of actions taken to rectify the situation. The Selectmen have requested that representatives of Colonial Water and Eric Worrall from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) be present at tonight's meeting to provide residents with a report on the situation. Mr. Worrall relayed that the DEP has statutory authority to regulate Dover's public water supply and that it has been monitoring Colonial's activities. He outlined the events which lead to DEP involvement and the Boil Water order and the steps taken to correct the issue including flushing of the distribution system, emergency chlorination and further testing and analysis to identify the cause of the

contamination. In response to several questions from the Board, Mr. Worrall discussed the four-log disinfection system put into place by Colonial as well as its long-term planning strategy.

Don Vaughan, Nick LaChance and Bob Gallo of Colonial Water discussed the daily testing process and explained that while the results have been increasingly more favorable, Colonial will be increasing the dosages in the 24-hour emergency chlorination system. To assist in locating the source of the E.coli bacteria, Tata & Howard, an engineering firm specializing in water-related issues, has been conducting a site evaluation and will provide a report to Colonial. Bottled water provided by Colonial will continue to be available to the residents at the Town Garage and delivered to those who cannot travel to the Garage. Moreover, Colonial has increased and improved its communications and updates to the residents via their website, reverse calling, and printed mailings.

Responding to questions posed by residents, Mr. Worrall discussed the impacts of chlorination on health and water safety after the Boil Order is lifted, and Colonial discussed the reimbursement process for water purchased by residents and reductions in billing.

The Board thanked Mr. Worrall and Colonial Water for attending the meeting and for their efforts to rectify the situation and expressed their gratitude to Representative Garlick for her support and guidance.

Adjournment

At 7:23 PM, Mr. Springett moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Hunter; it was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

DOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John D. Jeffries, Clerk