

Town of Brimfield
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2020

Remote participation due to current State of Emergency

Members Present: Chair; Paul McCarthy, Vice Chair; Michele-Lee Shea, Member; Mike Doyle, Member; Carolyn Haley, Member; Ryan Olszta (present but left at 6:44), Recording; Admin; Carol Camerota
Others: Finance; Denise Dupont, Cable; Bob Datz

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Brimfield [Selectboard] is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. A reminder that persons who would like to participate in this meeting while in progress may do so by following the link on the website or calling the phone number:

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Despite our best efforts, we were not able to provide for real-time access, and we will post a record of this meeting on the city/town's website as soon as we are able.

Call to order (McCarthy) @ 6:37 p.m.

As discussions began for the MOU for Action Ambulance for the Tri Towns Brimfield, Holland and Wales (Doyle) reminded the board that the town could not "rent" its space. This MOU is a boiler plate and needs to be put in place ASAP but that town counsel could also negotiate a better per person cost. Will also need to know timing for runs to all 3 towns.

The board thanked (Doyle) for all the time and work spent on seeing this through. (Haley) asked if the reference in the MOU to Hadley ever got changed. It did.

Motion: by (Doyle) move to approve the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Action Ambulance Service, Inc. for Brimfield, Holland and Wales as written, seconded by (Haley), all in favor. Roll call as follows:

(McCarthy)-Yes (Shea)-Yes (Doyle)-Yes (Haley)-Yes

None opposed, no outside comments, motion carries.

Chair will sign the MOU and forward to Wales Selectmen tomorrow.

Elections & Town meeting:

As long as the Warrant is not set the Selectmen can change the ATM to another date. Time constraints could be an issue once it is set. On the day of the ATM the Moderator would open the meeting, set it for 30 days out and then close the meeting.

Further discussion will take place at the next Selectmen's meeting on March 30th. Bylaw states postcards need to be sent to residents 2 weeks prior to the ATM. Will check with town counsel.

Minutes:

Review & approve minutes for March 19, 2020 Tri Town meeting

Motion: by (Haley) to accept minutes of March 19, 2020 Tri Town meeting, seconded by (Shea), all in favor. Roll call as follows:

(McCarthy)-Yes (Shea)-Yes (Doyle)-Yes (Haley)-Abstain (not present at meeting)

Board of Health meeting update:

(McCarthy) remotely attended the last BOH meeting. The misunderstanding regarding emergency management supplies at the shelter were worked out with the Fire Department. N95 masks were returned and redistributed by BOH. BOH was not happy without prior approval. Items in the shelter are under the control of BOH and were purchased with funds received by the State. Protocol needs to be in place as to who has keys and access.

Several COVID tests were done in Brimfield and were negative.

Discussion on disseminating information on website when the first case occurs.

(McCarthy) will notify BOH on the Ambulance information. BOH will meet again on March 31st. Jamie Terry and Dick Costa have been very helpful.

(Doyle) spoke with the Action Ambulance and they are very low on masks.

(McCarthy) will reach out to BOH and see if masks from Brimfield Ambulance can be given to Action before Monday morning. Holland and Wales will also be asked if they have any masks.

(McCarthy) offered to provide envelopes to sterilize masks so they could be reused as opposed to just reuse without sterilization. BOH wasn't interested. He was also unhappy that the FD took the masks without contacting the BOH.

(McCarthy) is updating the town's website daily with State information as it comes in.

Adjourn

Motion: by (Doyle) to adjourn at 7:08 p.m., seconded by (Haley), all in favor.

Roll call as follows:

(McCarthy)-present-Yes (Shea)-present-Yes (Doyle)-present-Yes (Haley)-present-Yes

Upcoming Meetings:

March 30, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Camerota

Transcribed by: Carol Camerota

ACCEPTED: *Paul McCaskey* DATE: *4/25/2020*

Documents Utilized for this meeting

MATERIALS FOR BACKGROUND AND REFERENCE

1. Minutes of March 9, 2020
2. Action Ambulance MOU