



# BOARD OF HEALTH Emergency Meeting

Town of Nantucket  
3 East Chestnut Street  
Nantucket, Massachusetts 02554

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**Commissioners:** Stephen Visco (chair), Malcolm MacNab, MD, PHD (Vice chair), James Cooper, Helene Weld, RN, Rita Higgins  
**Staff:** Roberto Santamaria, Artell Crowley, Kathy LaFavre, Anne Barrett, Hank Ross

~~ MINUTES ~~

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

**Community Room, 4 Fairgrounds Road – 3:00 p.m.**

*This meeting was held via remote participation,*

*Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Regarding Open Meeting Law*

Called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mr. Visco

Staff in attendance: R. Santamaria, Health Director

Attending Members: Stephen Visco; Malcolm MacNab, MD, PHD; James Cooper; Helene Weld, RN; Rita Higgins, Board of Selectmen

Absent Members: None

Agenda adopted by unanimous consent

## I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

## III. DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Written Report

1. We are in a lock-down situation due to COVID-19; meeting is live-streamed. Asked the board to table all items except Items 8 & 9.

## IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action **Motion to Table.** (made by: MacNab) (seconded)

Voice Vote Carried unanimously: Visco-aye, MacNab-aye, Higgins-aye, Weld-aye, Cooper-aye

## V. BOH APPLICATIONS REVIEW

1. Loan: 53 Millbrook Road, 56-239, Gianutsos, septic repair
2. Variance request: 113 Hummock Pond Road, 56-59, setbacks 50.02A, 502.05B, 64.03B
3. Variance request: 287 Hummock Pond Road, 83-39, setbacks 52.02A & 64.04 C.2

Action **Motion to Table.** (made by: MacNab) (seconded)

Voice Vote Carried unanimously: Visco-aye, MacNab-aye, Higgins-aye, Weld-aye, Cooper-aye

## VI. BOH BUSINESS

1. Delegation of Authority

**Santamaria** – Looking for the BOH to delegate emergency power to himself in the event we have to enforce isolation or quarantine; the vote would be ratified at a later date.

Action **Motion to Delegate authority to Roberto Santamaria as the health agent.** (made by: Higgins) (seconded)

Voice Vote Carried unanimously: Visco-aye, MacNab-aye, Higgins-aye, Weld-aye, Cooper-aye

2. Suspension of mass gathering permits

**Santamaria** – This is to suspend all permitting for any gathering of 10 people or more during the declaration of emergency by the governor; Once the governor suspends that declaration, we will also suspend this declaration.

**Cooper** – Asked if the suspension is open ended or will be reviewed every two weeks.

**Santamaria** – As of right now, the date is open because this is an evolving situation and we might have an outbreak on Island.

Action **Motion to Accept the suspension of permits.** (made by: Cooper) (seconded)  
Voice Vote Carried unanimously: Visco-aye, MacNab-aye, Higgins-aye, Weld-aye, Cooper-aye

3. Genetic Mice Project Steering Committee appointment

Action **Motion to Table.** (made by: MacNab) (seconded)  
Voice Vote Carried unanimously: Visco-aye, MacNab-aye, Higgins-aye, Weld-aye, Cooper-aye

4. Lead Paint Discussion

Action **Motion to Table.** (made by: MacNab) (seconded)  
Voice Vote Carried unanimously: Visco-aye, MacNab-aye, Higgins-aye, Weld-aye, Cooper-aye

5. Board Member updates and concerns

Action **Motion to Table.** (made by: MacNab) (seconded)  
Voice Vote Carried unanimously: Visco-aye, MacNab-aye, Higgins-aye, Weld-aye, Cooper-aye

6. Director Report

- a. We have people on self-quarantine but no one on mandated quarantine. At this time all tests by NCH have come back negative. There is a COVID-19 page set up on the Town website. We will be putting out information on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays. There will be live broadcasts on Fridays.
- b. Taylor is setting up a meal deliver service. An Issue with volunteers, we have to vet the volunteers with background checks. Meal-on-wheels has been great for Senior Center, but they have to meet existing criteria
- c. The Emergency Management Team have been meeting every day at noon. Will post information as soon as possible after each meeting.
- d. We are trying to flatten the curve.
- e. We will post a list of businesses that are closed on the website; Town offices are also closed to the public. The closure is for two weeks.
- f. We have been in contact with both Ferry services and waiting for a response. At this time, they are not cutting any services, neither are they screening passengers. There is a public health concern; we can't confirm the numbers floating on social media. Suggested practicing social distancing if on the boats. We can't block people from coming to their properties on the Island. You can get food on the Ferries; they are taking precautions. There is an FAQ on our Town website about the boats; both services also have an FAQ on their website.

Motion to Adjourn at 3:17 p.m. (made by: Cooper) Carried unanimously: Visco-aye, MacNab-aye, Higgins-aye, Weld-aye, Cooper-aye

Submitted by:  
Terry L. Norton