

Dover Board of Health COVID-19 Meeting Minutes - May 20, 2021

Held remotely via zoom

Participants: Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Stephen Kruskall, M.D., member; Kay Petersen, M.D., member

1. Meeting called to order 10:02 am
2. There was a discussion of the new guidance from the CDC and Governor's Office. Questions arose as to how often the BOH will continue to meet on COVID related issues and if public meetings will be allowed to continue via zoom or be required to be held in person. The State of Emergency is set to end on June 15, 2021. Dr. Petersen will contact Cheryl Sbarra for more information.
3. Dr. Kruskall reported that according to the Public Health Nurse, there are still several active COVID cases in Dover. He also noted that currently vaccines are considered "emergency use" and therefore cannot be required for students returning to school.
4. Dr. Peterson informed the Board that the school pool testing only found one positive case.
5. The Health and Hygiene Committee will meet with school officials in June to discuss plans for the upcoming school year.
6. Tracey Manion joined the meeting to review the agreed upon protocols for Cruise Nights. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the event would take place after May 29th allowing for food service without tables and chairs.
7. Dr. Petersen made a motion seconded by Dr. Kruskall to discontinue the Monday BOH COVID Emergency Meetings. The motion was unanimously approved.
8. Dr. Petersen will speak with Carol Jackman to let her know that parade restrictions have been lifted.
9. Dr. Kruskall mentioned that the signs for car spacing while waiting in line at the transfer station are not up yet. Professor Clarke will raise the issue with Interim Highway Superintendent Bob Tosi.
10. The Board will speak with the Town Moderator regarding the lifting of restrictions and the potential impacts on the Special Town Meeting.
11. Messaging this week will focus on the changes in guidance.
12. At 11:42 am it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.