

Board of Selectmen - Special Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2020
Remote participation: Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/801371923>

Meeting ID: 801 371 923

The Board of Selectmen met on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by remote participation via Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/801371923> (Meeting ID# 801 371 923). Those present were Chair Kate Reid, Alan Lewis, Barney Arnold, Nathan Brown and Luke Ascolillo.

*This meeting was live streamed and video recording is available at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUk6r-j8hFwin1lwht-RViA/videos>

Public Information Session with LEPC, Board of Health and School Department Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Chair Kate Reid explained that the Board of Selectmen have been receiving a lot of questions about COVID-19 situation and town response. The selectmen agreed that it would be helpful to provide a weekly forum for residents to ask questions about the town's COVID-19 response and about how town government will work now that Town Hall will be closed until at least May 4th.

LEPC Update

Police Chief John Fisher spoke on behalf of the LEPC who continue to meet three days a week for approximately 2 hours. The group is committed to the safety of Carlisle residents by assuring proper resources and creating a scalable plan for emergencies. Residents who believe they have the virus or have been quarantined by their doctor should call the Carlisle Dispatch Center. The police will place the individual address in a database so that first responders know how to best help when it is needed and so that first responders are kept safe. Both the Police and Fire Departments have enough necessary protective gear and cleaning supplies.

Fire Chief Bryan Sorrows – Carlisle Fire Station and ambulance continue to be sanitized. A Regional Response Plan being developed to address concerns regarding Nursing Home evacuations or transportation if needed. The Regional District Plan also addresses potential reduction in work force/first responders due to COVID-19 exposure.

Chief Sorrows thanked Carlisle residents for staying home and observing the social distance protocols.

COA Outreach Coordinator, Angela Smith stated that the Carlisle Neighborhood Response Team Program initiated by resident Lauree Eckler is now up and running. The COA sent out announcements about the program. To reach Carlisle Neighborhood Response Team by calling (978) 254-0508

Carlisle School Superintendent Jim O'Shea reported that next week Phase 2 online learning will begin for Carlisle students.

Linda Fantasia, Health Agent – Town of Carlisle confirmed number of COVID-19 cases is 5 and 7 close contact cases. These numbers change daily so check the Board of Health website regularly for updates. If you are identified as someone who may have been exposed to the virus, you will be given notification and guidance and must self-isolate for 14 days. After 14 days, if no symptoms have appeared, you are no longer considered infected. Fantasia reminded residents to leave a message on the BOH voicemail if you have any questions and someone will respond as soon as possible.

Carlisle resident Lauree Eckler announced “Call Your Neighbor” posters will be posted around town to encourage anyone at risk to reach out for support. Residents who might need assistance should sign up now before the situation becomes urgent.

Chief Fisher stated that it is important to note that the Town of Carlisle has the infrastructure and scalable plan in place to increase services as needed should the crisis worsen. The LEPC is committed to staying ahead of the curve.

Christine Lear - Carlisle Pals Program is also in place for residents who might seek social interaction and support. Residents should reach out to their neighbors who might benefit from the program to encourage them to sign up, even if they feel they don't need the service yet.

On the motion made by Alan Lewis and seconded by Barney Arnold, it was unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: B. Arnold-Aye, N. Brown-Aye, L. Ascolillo-Aye, A. Lewis-Aye and K. Reid-Aye.