



**Community COVID-19 Task Force
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2020**

This meeting was held via Zoom

1. Welcome and theme

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.

Members present: Rick Barber
Kent Bridges
Rebecca Fox
Charley LaFlamme
Terry Ann Lunt
Alice Pearce
Bruce Roy
Pamela Sawyer
Robert Whitelaw

Chair Whitelaw reviewed the results of the Select Board meeting on June 2, 2020:

- Phase II will go into effect on June 4th, 2020.
- The twelve (12) foot rule was enacted.
- Little Beach open since Marginal Way is open.
- Guests from Parks & Recreation Committee on this agenda.
- Select Board has decided from this point forward that business using public spaces will have direct communication with the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Manager; the Task Force is no longer part of this process.
- The Select Board asked the Task Force to look at fishing on the bridge; and directional walking on the bridge.
- One issue that came up was the Marginal Way and clarification of the outcome of the motion. The sign reads as follows:



These signs are at all the entrances to the Marginal Way.

Town Manager Finnigan was in attendance to review the agenda item which would allow public space being used for private purposes.

- Monitoring Criteria, Public Spaces, Town Density

2. Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

3. Review most recent disclosures from MCDC

Charley LaFlamme - stated that he watched the update from Dr. Shah today. There was one death today which brings the total to 95 deaths in Maine. There are 2,418 cases in all, 2,152 confirmed, 266 cases probable, 40 remain in the hospital with 10 on ventilators. Recovered is at 1,699.

Positivity rates have gone down again, last Wednesday at 5.2% and today is at 4.97%, this state is going in the right direction.

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Nationally	10%
Massachusetts	17%
Rhode Island	9%
New Hampshire	6%
Vermont	3%
New York	17%
New Jersey	20%
Connecticut	16%

Maine has done almost 10,000 tests at this point. There 394 ICU beds available and 315 ventilators.

Discussed pre-symptomatic people.

4. Update from the field

Lieutenant Buttrick:

- Marginal Way opened this past Monday, which hasn't been particularly busy.
- Have had a CSO out on the Marginal Way with masks to give out to those that don't have one.
- The beach was not busy this past week, people were appropriately distanced.
- Have started using the electronic signs to alert people of when high tide will occur as that limits beach access.
- Working on ordering more permanent signs for the beach, there will be temporary signs up in the interim.
- No citations were issued, people sitting on the beach were asked to move along.
- People on the estuary were a problem, but this will be remedied this week.

5. Music in the Park

Jason Corbin and Michelle Low, Parks & Rec Committee, were in attendance to outline their plans for the music in the park events for summer 2020. Due to COVID-19 they have to adjust their plans.

Currently have 11 events planned in the Dorothea Jacobs Grant Common starting on June 28, 2020. Trying to work on ways to keep the attendance down. The entire park is 7.6 acres; the location of where the music takes place is 40,000 square feet.

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Would like to have the Task Force give them some ideas and suggestions so they can move forward and keep things safe. Have discussed possibly doing virtual recordings of the events. Gatherings have to be kept fewer than 50, which is why they would like to live stream the events.

The following have volunteered to assist the Parks & Rec Committee with Music in the Park:

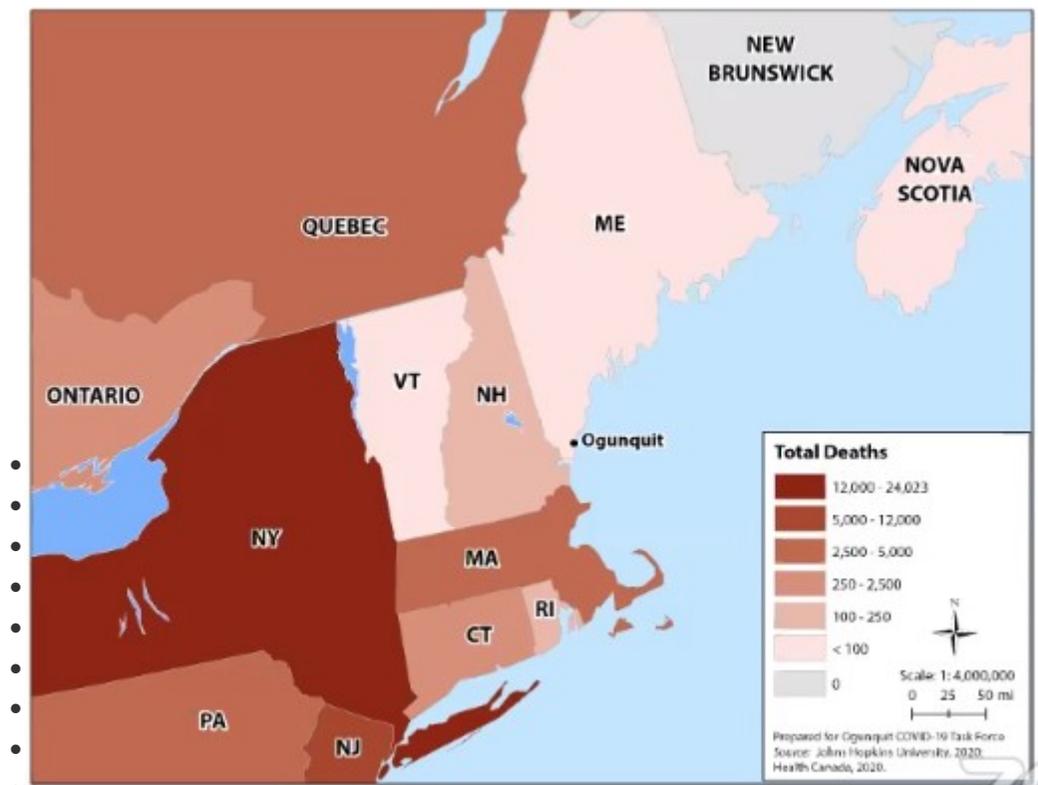
Kent Bridge
Rebecca Fox
Pam Sawyer

6. Sub Group Reports

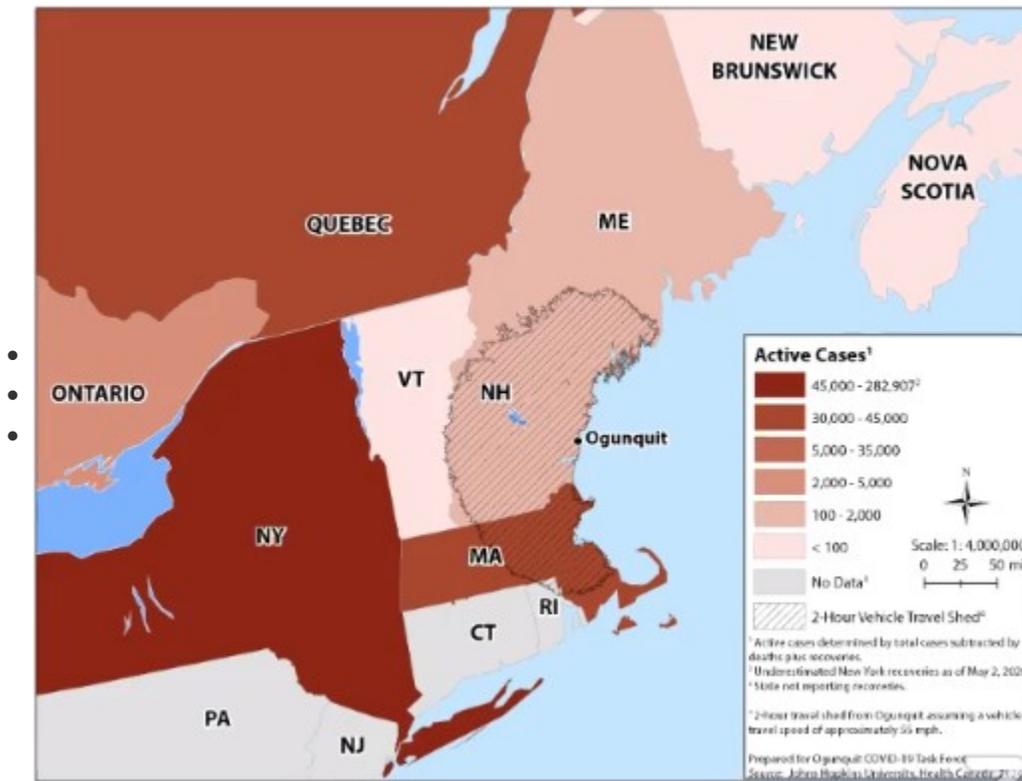
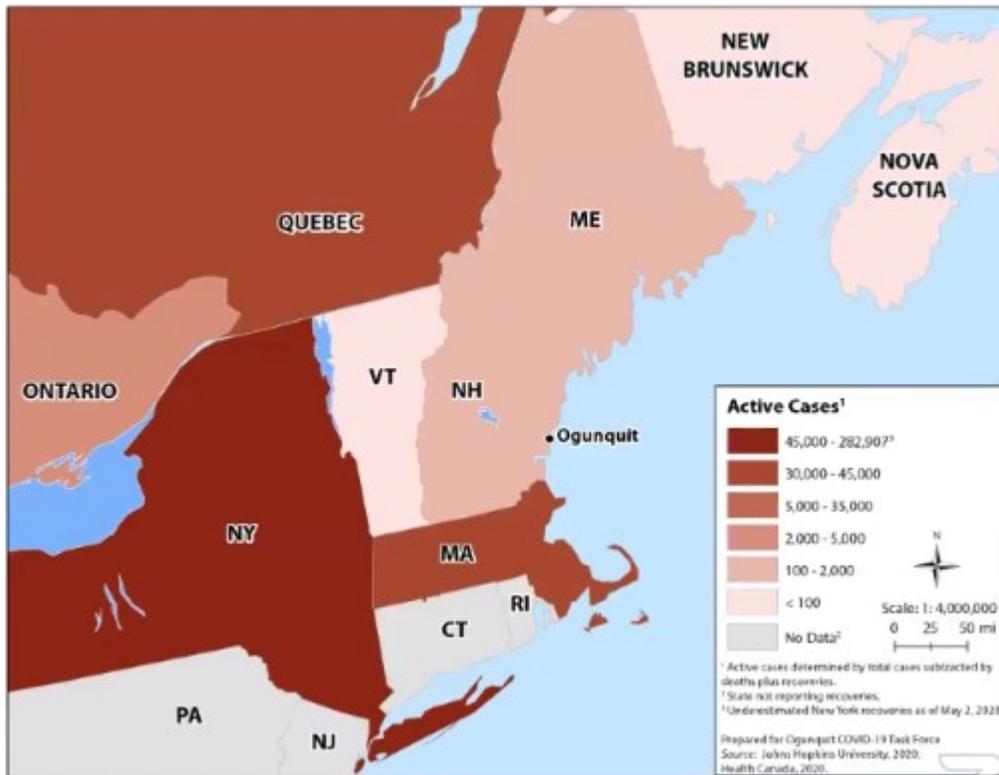
- Data

Rebecca Fox

- Made a few maps to give a visual picture of COVID-19.



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- The third map shows a crescent that shows driving 55mph for 2 hours, who can get to Ogunquit.
- There was more data this week about "super spreaders", there is no way to predict who is the most contagious amongst us. It seems that 10% of people that are infected go on to infect 80%.
- The reason that these people are so contagious is that they have a huge viral load so that when they are speaking or coughing or allergies, they may have no symptoms of the virus but they spread it very easily.
- The length of exposure, which is between 8 and 14 minutes as a minimum; and the setting: indoors, poor ventilation and crowds are the most likely places where the spread of virus will occur.
- Mental health - there are not a lot of numbers about this, but definitely there is more anxiety and depression related to this. There is more problematic substance abuse, worsening pre-existing conditions (medical or psychological), more difficulty sleeping and concentrating and lots of concerns around children and teens.
- In terms of adults there are three groups:
 - At Risk People are worried about illness and dying.
 - People with financial issues are worried about poverty and medical bills.
 - People in high risk jobs are worried about infecting their families, their co-workers and not being able to go to work.
- 39% of people that have been laid off are in the household income of less than \$40,000 per year. The people that earn the least in our society are the ones losing their jobs.
- Some suggestions:
 - If you are feeling anxious, don't watch the news.
 - Contact NAMI (for anxiety and depression), which will be posted on the website.

- Public Health

- **Terry Ann Lunt**

- Spent some time reviewing monitoring criteria.
- Focus primarily on three things to achieve 70-80% compliance with the three recommendations of the Maine CDC, which is social distancing, wearing face coverings when you can't social distance and hand hygiene.
- Need to figure out if the actions that are taking, if they are working, are people complying with the guidance, what are we learning from people's actions, what are we doing with what we are learning and what do we do if

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we do not see an upward trajectory ...what should we look at? Is there anything else we can do?

- Have the opportunity to count on Marginal Way, but who is going to look at it and aggregate it?
- Who will be gathering observation data, who gets it, what happens to it, what is done with it and what kind of follow up is done with the information?
- Would like to have voluntary compliance and not force through enforcement.
- Suggested that a drone would be an object way to gather information at the beach regarding social distancing.
- Asked about how to gather the information through observational data.

Buzzy Roy

- Informed everyone about the State of Maine initiative "Keep it Maine".

- Business

Alice Pearce

- Suggested that businesses get together to come up with a proposal to present to the Town Manager and Code Enforcement Officer regarding the public, outside dining issue.
- Also suggested that they get together as a sub-group to outline the block party event.

Rick Barber

- Stated that if you go around town will notice that some businesses have created outdoor areas and does not look like what people were afraid of what it was going to look like, kudos to those businesses.

- At Risk

Pamela Sawyer

- At the last meeting talked about education; one of the best things can to for all populations is to get education out there.
- Took a look at the town's website, more came off than went on; but at least the old information has been taken down (March). Kudos to Jordan for his assistance.
- Moved all meetings, videos, minutes, Marginal Way and all information over to the COVID-19 update page.
- New information was added to the web page.

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7. Task Force member comments

Charley LaFlamme - appreciate all that have contacted him about being on the Age Friendly Community Committee.

Terry Ann Lunt - interesting comments coming in through the chats, would like to urge those people to come on to public comment and share their comments.

Bob Whitelaw - what would you like to do about fishing? Comments from the members of the committee: Pam Sawyer, Rick Barber.

Motion made by Rick Barber and second by Buzzy Roy to not take up the topic of fishing on the bridge; approved 9-0.

8. Public Comment

Public Comment/Questions:

- Elaine Cooper (could not connect)
- Joan Griswold (could not connect)

9. Any Motions for recommendations to the Select Board

There were no recommendations to the Select Board at this time.

10. Adjourn

Motion made by Charley LaFlamme and second by Alice Pearce to adjourn the meeting at 5:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Emery, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager