



**Community COVID-19 Task Force
Wednesday, July 8, 2020
4:00 p.m.
Agenda**

Meeting called to order at 4:00PM

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

Others present: Scott Heyland, Code Enforcement Officer
Lieutenant Matt Buttrick
Town Manager Patricia Finnigan

1. Welcome and theme

- Review of the Holiday weekend

2. Minutes

- There were no minutes for approval.

3. Update from the field

Lieutenant Buttrick

- Gave an overview of what has transpired over the past weekend.
- Since the committee last met, the Police Department has responded to 422 calls for service (non-COVID).
- Five officers on Saturday, was not enough, very busy!

- Looked like a normal day in July, beach was busy, parking lots were full.
- There were some social distancing issues on the entrance/exit to the beach.
- Increase in fishing from the bridge on Beach Street, and pedestrians.
- Looked like people were doing a good job of spreading out on the beach.
- At least one CSO stationed on the Marginal Way, masks are given out to those that do not have them. Average of 40-60 masks per day are given out.
- Compliance has gone up since a CSO has been stationed on the Marginal Way during the day.
- Lt. Buttrick gave an update on the department and staffing.
- Performed individual opening plans with multiple businesses.
- Purchased and provided pavement marking tape to assist the businesses.
- Developed quarantine and COVID information packet for handouts.
- Follow up with complaints regarding visitors from other states.
- Provided services for families in town (shopping, post office, meals).
- Designed and implemented opening plan for Perkins Cove.
- Coordinated efforts to design and install signs.
- Messaging at the Beach through loudspeakers.
- Reviewed supplies that are supplied for PPE.
- Sgt. Pawlik performed COVID-19 inspections on Saturday night at all restaurants in the town.

Town Manager Finnigan

- Asked the CEO, Scott Heyland, to give an overview of the weekend as he was on duty on Saturday.

Scott Heyland

- This weekend was about during the evening to observe primarily what was going on with the wait lines, staff and how they interacted with customers.
- His take-away was that everyone was trying to do the right thing.
- Stated that he did take the Hospitality ME COVID training test and is encouraging all businesses to do so.
- Moving forward, his role will be more complaint driven as he does not have the resources to monitor all the businesses all the time.

Comments/questions

- Terry Ann Lunt
- Town Manager Finnigan - update
- Pamela Sawyer
- Rick Barber
- Bob Whitelaw

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4. Update from the MCDC

Dr. Erich Fogg

- York Hospital is full today, at 100% capacity. None of the patients are COVID related.
- Have not had a COVID inpatient in quite some time.
- Last Wednesday was the launch of the RAPID Testing.
- In the past week, Rapid Testing, have done about 550 Rapid Tests. Of those tests, have had 8 positive results. Of the 8 tested, 5 were from Texas and 3 from Massachusetts.
- To date at York Hospital, have done 2,435 and of those 70 were positive for a rate of around 2%.
- In the last week alone the percent positive rate 0.8%.
- Important to note that the positive tests go back to the state of origin, so don't affect Maine numbers.
- Continue to be busy at the drive-through testing sites.

Comments/questions:

- Charley LaFlamme
- Pamela Sawyer
- Rebecca Fox
- Buzzy Roy
- Alice Pearce

Charley LaFlamme

- Reported from Dr. Shah press conference; one death yesterday, none today. There are 22 in the hospital and 8 in the ICU and 4 on ventilators.
- At this point there have been 110 deaths.
- Recovered - 2,856.
- The first known case in the U.S. was on the 21st of January, since then there have been a little over 3M cases.
- Here in Maine we are at about 2%; in the last week in Maine it was about 1.28% positivity rate.
- Cumulatively it is 3.58%.

5. Review of recent citizen contact

Rick Barber

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- Few emails received over the weekend; some went to the Select Board.
- Specific issues were reported for non-compliance (Marginal Way, bathrooms, snack bars, etc.)
- Now that have the money, the best option is to get more enforcement out there.

6. Sub-Group Reports

➤ Data

Kent Bridges

- No new data from him this week.
- Working with Visitor Services to get some parking lot data. Looking at year over year trends.
- Looking at trends for volume in the town as compared to previous years.

Rebecca Fox

- Comments about the number of positive tests for non-residents.

➤ Public Health

Terry Ann Lunt

- Presented Marginal Way data from the observers from the past week:
 - Total numbers for five days were down about 47%.
 - The weekend (4th of July) as compared to 2019 were down about 40%.
 - Observers reported that mask wearing over the prior week took a big jump - the average percent was about 74% compliance.
 - There was a complaint that came in through email about a large group (20-25) that did not have masks on who ended up down on Mothers Beach all sitting together.

Buzzy Roy

- Public is still approaching this with the attitude that this is seasonal issue; should be using the grant money to multi-year idea about wearing masks, signage should be more permanent to show commitment to what are doing.
- Masks are going to be part of our lives for the next 5-10 years.

➤ At Risk

Pamela Sawyer

- We are all at risk.

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- There are three known ways to prevent contracting the virus: 1. Wear a mask, 2. Social Distancing and 3. Wash your hands.
- Biggest challenge is to get people to wear masks and to wear them properly.
- Commented on the signs that are posted, should list wear masks first, then wash hands second.

➤ Business

Alice Pearce

- The subcommittee has not been that active, been monitoring the businesses that are open.
- Put the signs out on the sandwich boards this past Thursday.
- Received a call from someone that pointed out the deficiencies with the placement of the signs.
- Added everyone on the Task Force to the Chamber's COVID newsletter.
- Mask Contest - in the process of putting together a contest that will encourage people to wear masks around Ogunquit.

7. Public Comment

Comments/questions:

- Michael Sgambati
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8. Any Motions for recommendations to the Select Board

There were no motions for recommendations to the Select Board.

Motion made by Pamela Sawyer and second by Kent Bridges to meet in two weeks from today on July 22, 2020; approved 9-0.

9. Adjourn

Motion made by Charley LaFlamme and second by Rick Barber to adjourn the meeting at 4:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Emery, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager

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