



**Community COVID-19 Task Force
Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2020**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom.

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.

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

Members absent: Charley LaFlamme

Others present: Town Manager Patricia Finnigan
CEO Scott Heyland
Erich Fogg, PA
Officer Thomas Orlando

Chair Whitelaw stated that he had attended the Select Board meeting on July 21st. and they gave some feedback and items that the Task Force might look at.

Received input on:

- Main Beach exit and entrances.
- High tides.
- Board meetings in person at the Dunaway Center.
- Lifeguard mask wearing.

2. **Minutes**

There were no minutes for approval.

3. **Update from the MCDC**

Kent Bridges

- Cumulative confirmed cases in the State of Maine are at 3,321.
- 531, or 16%, are York County, cumulative.
- The seven-day average statewide for new cases is 22.4, which is quite low.
- The new hospitalization seven-day average statewide is one person.
- Currently across the state that are 10 hospitalized, 8 of those are in critical care and 4 of those 10 are on ventilators.
- Total critical care beds are 406, there are 137 currently available; only eight of those used are being used by COVID patients.
- Total ventilators are 319, 261 are available; only 19 COVID patients are on ventilators.
- Looked at surrounding towns by zip code around Ogunquit; less than 0.5% of the population in any given town around Ogunquit are COVID infected.
- Percentage cases by age (total cumulative cases in the State of Maine):
 - 50's 16.3%
 - 20's 16.1%
 - 30's 15.4%
 - 40's 15.3%
- Cumulative deaths across the state are at 118, 10% or 12 are from York County.

4. **Update from York Hospital**

Dr. Erich Fogg

- Performed 211 tests today at the walk-in site.
- Remain COVID free at York Hospital in terms of inpatients, has been almost a month since did have one.
- Hospital busy.
- Between July 12th and July 18th performed 746 COVID tests with 4 of them being positive, positivity rate of 0.5%.
- The week before, did close to 600 tests and 0 positive tests.
- Continue to hover at the 1% positive rate.
- The majority of people using the tests centers, which it is intended for, are travelers.
- The dozen or so that tested positive since July 1st has remained asymptomatic.

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- Of those that have been tested, 68% are from out-of-state.

Comments/questions:

- Rebecca Fox
- Pamela Sawyer
- Rick Barber

5. Review of recent citizen contact

Rick Barber

- In the last 2 weeks have had around a dozen or so comments come in.
- Of these several were from the same person who is offering a lot of good advice and expressing concerns about the beach and Marginal Way.
- Have had a few emails from people from out-of-state wondering what they must do to come to Ogunquit.

6. Update from the field

Officer Thomas Orlando

- Hired 2 new CSO's this past week, going through training.
- Still looking to hire more.
- CSO's are out there rain or shine every day, handing out 40-60 masks per day.
- Notifying people of potential consequences has been effective when explaining the rules.
- Past week has been very warm, Lifeguards provided feedback.
- Officers assisted this past weekend making sure that social distancing was being followed at restaurants.
- The total number of CSO's is currently at 8 and 1 Reserve Officer.

Comments/questions:

- Pamela Sawyer
- Rebecca Fox
- Terry Ann Lunt

Town Manager Finnigan gave an update:

- Community Ambassadors.
- Mask Compliance.
- Surrounding communities and their condition.
- Concerns from people on compliance.
- Messaging and education.

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- Self Service mask station.
- Commented on litter control regarding masks that have been discarded.
- CEO Scott Heyland stated that he had gotten a couple of complaints this past weekend at restaurants and a retail store.

Chair Whitelaw

- Entering and Exiting the Beach; and High Tide
 - Stated that he has gotten a lot of input from outside.
 - Two areas that can do better; would like to see signage around the entrance to the beach, should allocate resources to the beach entrances including Footbridge with the same signage as Main Beach that cannot cross to Footbridge Beach without a mask.
 - Need more Police or CSO presence at the entrances.

Comments/questions:

- Pamela Sawyer
- Rick Barber
- Terry Ann Lunt
- Rebecca Fox

Motion made by Rick Barber and second by Alice Pearce to approve the meeting of Chair Bob Whitelaw, Vice Chair Pamela Sawyer and Terry Ann Lunt with the Town Manager Pat Finnigan to look at what actions can be taken to improve the town to be more safe than it has proven to be; approved 8-0, LaFlamme absent.

7. Sub-Group Reports

➤ Data

Kent Bridges

- Received some Visitor Service parking data for July to date compare to the same period last year, running at about 72% across all of the parking lots.
- In terms of people, depending on the weather, day of the week and the temperature; that is between 38 and 1760 people related to the parking areas.

➤ Public Health

Terry Ann Lunt

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- Has Joan Griswold's final compliance report for Marginal Way.
- Through July 19th, the utilization rate of Marginal Way across the month of July has run about 60% from prior years. The last two weekends the compliance rate on masks has run about 70%.
- No there is systematic regular way to check for compliance within the town.

➤ At Risk

Pamela Sawyer

- The at-risk population has extended to all ages of the population based on what has been going on around the country.
- Seeing an increase in 20, 30, 40 and 50's cases of COVID.
- People need to know how to wear masks.
- All need to be diligent, moving in the right direction...

Comments/questions:

- Rebecca Fox

➤ Business

Alice Pearce

- The Chamber has only gotten 2 complaints on businesses not in compliance.
- The Community Recovery Committee at the Chamber of Commerce is working on creating a data collection group.

Chair Whitelaw, who attended the Select Board meeting last night brought up a couple of items. The Select Board is interested in the Task Force's thoughts on holding board meetings in a venue like the Community Center. Would like the Task Force to start thinking about board meetings in a public location.

Comments/questions:

- Rick Barber
- Buzzy Roy
- Rebecca Fox
- Pamela Sawyer

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8. **Public Comment**

Comments/questions:

- Josh DeSalvo

9. **Any Motions for recommendations to the Select Board**

There were no motions for recommendations to the Select Board.

10. **Adjourn**

Motion made by Buzzy Roy and second by Pamela Sawyer to adjourn the meeting at 5:28pm; approved 8-0, LaFlamme absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Emery, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager

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