



Town of Hudson - Board of Selectmen / Board of Health

Minutes – March 23, 2020
78 Main Street 2nd Floor 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

Present were Mr. Durant, Mr. Duplisea, Mr. Lucy, Mr. Parent, Mr. Quinn, Ms. Kalo, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Moses and Ms. Vickery. Mr. Delfino and Ms. Valliancort participated remotely.

2. General:

- a) Selectmen to consider declaring a state of emergency concurrent with Governor Baker's state of emergency regarding COVID-19.

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Boards both voted unanimously by roll call vote to declare a state of emergency concurrent with Governor Baker's state of emergency regarding COVID-19.

Mr. Durant read the declaration into the record:

*TOWN OF HUDSON, MASSACHUSETTS
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY*

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") has been declared a Pandemic Public Health Emergency by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious, and in some cases, a fatal respiratory disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of Massachusetts declared a State of Emergency to respond to COVID-19 and has determined that immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth and/or property which may otherwise result from the above described emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency concerning the novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, there are two (2) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 afflicting residents the Town of Hudson; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor of Massachusetts issued COVID-19 Order No. 13 to assure continued operation of essential services, the closing of certain workplaces and prohibition of gatherings of more than ten (10) people; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Board of Selectmen and its Board of Health have determined that immediate public action is needed in order to prevent or minimize the spread of COVID-19 by and among the people of Hudson as it can be expected to greatly impact the health and welfare of residents and employees of the Town of Hudson; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the residents of Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health, in the Town of Hudson, Massachusetts, upon advice from the Executive Assistant, as the Town Administrator, and other advisors have determined that the situation poses a present, reasonable and imminent danger to public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents or their property so that it has become necessary for the Executive Assistant as Town Administrator, with such assistance and staff as he deems necessary, to utilize and coordinate the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies or the community, both locally, regionally, statewide and nationally, and if necessary, including the taking of ordinary and extraordinary actions for the purposes of emergency management and emergency functions to protect the public; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of COVID-19, including but not limited to emergency expenditure pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 31 and limitations on operating hours and access to public buildings.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Town of Hudson, Board of Selectmen and Board of Health, pursuant to our respective powers under Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 (the "Civil Defense Act"), Chapter 111 of the Massachusetts General Laws and the regulations promulgated thereunder and all other applicable laws and regulations, issue this Declaration of Emergency in the Town of Hudson, and further, pursuant to Section 13 of the Civil Defense Act, hereby appoint the Board of Selectmen, Executive Assistant as Town Administrator and Director of Health of the Town of Hudson as the "Local Civil Defense Organization".

This declaration of emergency in the Town of Hudson is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further notice is given by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health and Director of Health that the Emergency no longer exists.

Nothing herein is intended to impede or interfere with the achievement of any and all goal set forth in the President's Declaration of National Emergency, the Governor's Declaration of State Emergency including the most recent gubernatorial order COVID-19 Order No. 13.

3. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Lucy, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Boards voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn at 7:10PM.