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Hallowell Board of Health Meeting Minutes May 5, 2020 5:00 – 5:30 PM

This Board of Health is an official City entity, formed under Maine state statute **Title 22 Section 453. Local board of health**, which states:

Any municipality may appoint, in addition to the local health officer, a board of health consisting of 3 members besides the local health officer, one of whom shall be a physician if available in the community, and one a woman. When first appointed members of the board shall be appointed one for one year, one for 2 years and one for 3 years. Subsequent appointments shall be for 3-year terms.

The local health officer shall be secretary ex officio of said board and keep a record of all proceedings. The local board of health shall constitute an advisory body to the local health officer.

Officials in Attendance: Drs. Annette Beyea, Scott Schiff-Slater and Sid Sewall; Nate Rudy

Agenda:

1. BOH recommendations on best practices for public health and safety, including use of masks and face coverings.
2. Other Business.

BOH recommendations on best practices for public health and safety, including use of masks and face coverings:

The BOH discussed how wearing masks/face coverings will become more normal social behavior over time, but some people are responding negatively (anger, refusal to wear even when offered) and there is some concern about what rates of morbidity / mortality will result from “reopening” workplaces.

Dr. Schiff-Slater invited a conversation with local businesses and City officials to find out what kind of guidance they would like from the BOH around safe practices for reopening. CM agreed to contact HABOT and City department leads.

Other Business:

None.