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FW: Board of Health meeting

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Dear Mary,

Unfortunately, I have had a last minute commitment and cannot make the Board of Health meeting tonight. I apologize. As you know, I rarely miss meetings even when double booked.

I do have some edits to the minutes that I will share separately.

I will share several updates and requests.

1. An urgent one I was going to bring up is that since we are still in the middle of a pandemic crisis, I request that the Board continue monthly meetings during the summer instead of a hiatus. It is essential for our public health.
2. There have been complaints about enforcement of **mask**-wearing and social distancing measures in essential businesses in town. I have contacted multiple people multiple times to understand what we can do to enforce employee mask wearing in essential businesses where it is required. Here is a short summary: Current policy of enforcement by the police: Our GRPD chief reiterated that the person who witnesses this violations of the Executive Order needs to complain while this is happening by calling the nonemergency GRPD number: **201.652.3800**. Further, he said that because of the directives from Bergen County Prosecutors Office (BCPO) they cannot act on third hand info after the fact.

I asked that our Mayor raise this issue of enforcement with the Governor on her weekly call today. This has now been brought to the Governor's office this afternoon and they are pursuing this to liaise with BCPO to ensure enforcement essential businesses where this is required.

Stay tuned for more definitive guidance, which I will share with you as soon as possible. I am optimistic that since the Governor is taking this public health crisis seriously, clarity and better enforcement guidelines will be coming shortly. For now, please follow the above guidelines.

Finally: I found this link for folks to use when the violation has occurred—**please fill out this form**:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/violation> Please encourage folks that you know who have been witness to violations to also fill out this form from the State.

3. Social distancing ambassadors: As we look towards reopening, it would be helpful to have a Social distancing Ambassadors program, where we have residents/students educate and inform businesses etc. of the social distancing rules. Since this is critical to public health, the Mayor and I request that the Board of Health discuss and coordinate an educational program related to mask wearing and social distancing within and specific to our Glen Rock community. Please let me know how you would like to implement this.
4. **Old business:** Pest control ordinance: As I mentioned before, there is an appropriate legal procedure that needs to be followed, as set forth by State statute, not subject to interpretation. Please contact municipal attorney, Anthony Suarez for the appropriate procedure to pass an ordinance through the Board of Health, including public hearings and notices to be sent.

Please let me reiterate here: for the municipal pest control ordinance, *which the governing body is ready to discuss*, the Mayor and Council is only requesting the due diligence information related to the pest control ordinance. This is a very simple, routine request that can be fulfilled by the Chair/President of the Board of Health accumulating the info asked for (towns which have this ordinance, the fees set, how much the monthly cost is of pest treatment and whether and which any businesses were notified in town, etc.) and sending it via email. As liaison, again, I am happy to receive this information and share it with Council during work session next month as requested by unanimously by the M & C.

5. If new bylaws are discussed, I request a copy
6. For the second time, I request that the agenda be established, shared and posted 1 week before the meeting for preparation. Please let me know that this will be the procedure moving forward.

I am available for any questions or concerns.

Please share with me the topline discussion items and any action items.

Thank you,

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