

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY MEETING

October 9, 2020

An emergency meeting of the Plymouth County Commissioners via Zoom teleconference per amended open meeting law requirements was called to order at 10:34 a.m. Present were Chairman Daniel A. Pallotta, and Commissioner Gregory M. Hanley.

Also, in attendance were State Representative Mathew Muratore, Dr. Ryan Welter, MassHealth, Dayva Briand, MassHealth Analyst, Treasurer Thomas O'Brien, 4-H Extension Director Molly Vollmer, County Administrator Frank Basler, and Executive Assistant Nancy O'Rourke.

Discussion-County properties for COVID-19 testing sites

Chairman Pallotta briefed the attendees of the meeting on recent conversations held with State Representative Muratore on the possible utilization of county locations for COVID-19 testing for residents due to the recent surge in positive cases in the Town of Plymouth. Two locations were discussed; first floor of 44 Obery Street, Plymouth and the Farmhouse located at the Plymouth County Farm currently in use and leased to the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Pallotta feels the first floor at 44 Obery Street is a possibility but has recycled air due to a specific HVAC system in place from the previous tenant Entergy/Holtec Energy. The Farmhouse location may be a better solution due to the accessibility to the road and only 2 Plymouth County Sheriff's Department employees are using the building currently. Dr. Ryan Welter and Analyst Dayva Briand of MassHealth discussed the Strategic Testing Program currently in place that provides testing to any insured or un-insured residents of high surge towns and cities. Their preference is to find locations that are no cost to lease and accessible to public transportation.

After some discussion it was recommended Representative Muratore and Ms. Briand contact the Sheriff directly as to the viability of using the Farmhouse. Commissioner Hanley and Chairman Pallotta agreed to help with any cost through CARES Act funding that was available to the Town of Plymouth.

At 11:08 a.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy O'Rourke
Executive Assistant