

Meeting Summary: Covid-19 Task Force – April 8th, 4PM

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The Covid-19 Task Force met for the second time on April 8th at 4PM. Upwards of 15-20 Bayside residents attended the Zoom video call at various times over the course of the 90 minute meeting — including Gina Cressey, Beanie Einstein, Lisa Fryer, John Hoy, Steve Kazilionis, Mike Lannan, Jane Strauss, Cynthia Stuen, Jennifer Tabb, Dan Webster, Jeffrey Wilt, Deanna Wolfire, Wendy Huntoon, and others. Also in attendance: Michael Tirrell, committee chairman, and Bill Paige, Village Agent.

The committee is charged with vetting issues of concern regarding Covid-19 and making recommendations to the Board of Overseers for actions to safeguard village residents and visitors against exposure to the novel coronavirus.

At present, Bayside is proceeding in compliance with Governor Mills' current Executive Order that runs until 4-30-20. Among items covered in the directive: a requirement that all visitors to Maine self-quarantine for 14 days and the banning of short-term rentals through 4-30-20 — with the option to extend beyond that date pending review.

At the 4/8 meeting, discussion centered on the following issues & questions:

Waterfront Safety: Jeffrey Wilt updated on discussions the Waterfront Safety Committee has had regarding the beachfront storage of small watercraft – including kayaks, paddleboards, etc. The consensus of the Covid-19 committee is that beachfront storage of all small watercraft should be prohibited until further notice, including in the months of May, June, and perhaps longer depending on risk factors around the virus.

The Waterfront Safety committee is also exploring dinghy storage on the dinghy dock and elsewhere. Some residents questioned whether the swim dock should be deployed this season, if the virus threat hasn't lessened.

Main Dock: Questions of limiting swimming to the beachfront were raised due to the challenge of cleaning common surface areas on the dock, including benches, lifeguard chair, etc. And, if swimming is limited to the beach area, some meeting attendees wondered if the swim dock could be used to store additional dinghies.

For the beach, dock, and all parks, the issue of social distancing was discussed and questions raised about enforcement.

Community Hall: Discussion focused on prohibiting groups from using the facility for events – including yoga, performing arts, weddings, parties, and community meetings.

Parking Areas: Questions were explored around closing all parking areas and perhaps limiting parks usage, if the virus poses a significant risk during the high season.

No specific actions were taken at this meeting for consideration by the Board of Overseers. The next committee meeting is Weds, April 15th at 4PM via Zoom video conference.

Details for the 4/15 Zoom video conference:

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