

COVID-19 Task Force Sub- Committee #2
Meeting Minutes
Draft-May 14, 2020

Members present: BOS liaison Brad Harriman, Town Manager James S. Pineo, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Justin Chaffee and Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Zotti.

Recording Secretary: Amelia M Capone-Muccio

Guests: N/A

1. Call to order: Jim Pineo called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. New Business

a. Introduction

Mr. Pineo summarized this Task Force is tasked with addressing both the Granite Man and the Granite Kid triathlons held this summer.

b. Granite Kid / Granite Man

Justin Chaffee stated this event has about 131 participants a year with 250-300 people total at the event that is held at Brewster Beach and along Clark Road. He stated 60% of the participants are non-residents from out of state. He stated he has discussed the event both with Director Christine Collins and Health Officer Schelley Rondeau and both agree this is a difficult event to follow the Governors guidelines on social distancing. He stated that he and Christine discussed the idea of doing a virtual race.

Mr. Harriman agrees he does not see how they could run this event and comply with social distancing at the same time. He stated canceling the events is sad but in light of safety he feels it is the right thing to do. He does like the idea of a virtual event which could be something fun and different for the kids to do.

Mr. Pineo asked when this event is held, is there a fee to sign up and what would be the drop dead date needed to decide in order to plan to have the event.

Mr. Chaffee replied Saturday, July 18th and yes they charge a registration fee. He stated they would need to know by June 5th if they plan to run the event or not.

Deputy Zotti stated many events he participates in have post-poned the event or created a virtual events. He stated there are many different options for doing that. He questioned with regards to the Dow Family in canceling the adult program?

Mr. Chaffee replied that he has concerns about parking for the Granite Kid since there is limited space in that area. He has talked to the Dow Family and they are supportive in whatever is decided.

Mr. Pineo noted the event is for kids and there are still a lot of unknowns to what the future of events look like.

Mr. Harriman stated as this event is for kids he feels they could cancel it this year, he would be fine waiting a little longer to cancel Granite Man since it is later in the year and adults. He thinks folks may need to let off some built up steam by then and have time to get more information on what the Governor plans to decide.

Mr. Pineo questioned if the Board's June 17th meeting would be too late to decide.

Mr. Chaffee replied he thinks that date would work and suggested this Task Force meet on June 11th to discuss any new information.

Mr. Pineo stated that the plan is to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to cancel the Granite Kid this year, possibly hold a virtual event and will make a recommendation on the Granite Man at the June 1th Board meeting. He suggested on holding off from collecting the registration fee until they make that decision.

Being no further business before the Task Force, they adjourned the meeting at 7:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone Muccio