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Minutes of a Meeting of the Town

Board of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Clerk's Office on Tuesday July 18th, 1916 at 9 A.M.

PRESENT:

DWIGHT T. CORWIN, SUPERVISOR

J. FRED DUGAN, TOWN CLERK

GEORGE W. HILDPETH

WILLIAM F. FLANAGAN

WILLIAM L. MILLER

DAVID L. WARNER, JUSTICES

Minutes of previous meeting read and on motion adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, under present condition it is deemed advisable that all precaution be adopted against the possibility of contagion of infantile paralysis in the municipality, now be it

RESOLVED: That the Health Officer of the Town of Riverhead be authorized and instructed to inform himself as to what transient families, with children under the age of sixteen years, from affected areas in New York City, who are visiting or may visit the town; to prohibit all children under the age of sixteen years coming from affected areas from mingling with other children until after the expiration of two weeks, or until danger of contracting the disease shall have passed; to require the departure from said town forthwith, of all families who fail to comply with the health regulations and directions of the Health Officer; to have prepared a census of all incoming families with children under the age of sixteen years, and inform himself as to the names and addresses of the parents or guardian and whether said children may have come from affected areas, and if so, to take such precaution as he may deem advisable.

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The Health Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an assistant to aid in collecting the above mentioned data.

Each family coming into the town of Riverhead, with children under the age of sixteen years, are hereby directed and required to immediately file with the Health Officer their names and addresses, and the names and ages of the children, such notification to be made immediately and within six hours after entering said town.

Each and every parent or guardian of a child or children under the age of sixteen years, is hereby required to notify the Health Officer of said town immediately, and within one hour of the sickness of any child with symptoms which may in any degree denote an attack of infantile paralysis, and such obligation is hereby imposed upon the attending physician.

It is also recommended that all parents prohibit the attendance of children under sixteen years of age, at moving pictures shows, picnics and public gatherings until after the danger of contagion may be past, and until further notice; and it is further recommended that all public gatherings at which children habitually congregate are to be dispersed with until further notice.

All persons who are maintaining horse stables, pig pens, poultry yards etc., are hereby required to keep same in an especially clean and sanitary condition.

Any person, or persons, violating any provision of this enactment, or of the Health Law, or refusing to obey the directions of the Health Officer is liable to a fine not exceeding \$50.00, or to imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment. It is further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be published in the two local papers, and printed and posted throughout the town.

On motion Dr. A. G. Terrell was appointed Health Officer for the term of four years.

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

J. Fred Nugan
Town Clerk.