



The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting	04-08-2020 / 5:30pm / via remote ZOOM conference
Members Present	Robert Barrell, Beverly Salate, Thomas Dillon, Michaun Fowler, John Sullivan
Members Not Present	
Guests	Thomas Welsh, Fire Chief
Welcome – Call to Order	Time: 5:35 pm - The meeting was held “virtually” via Zoom and Mr. Barrell read a statement clarifying the reason and parameters thereof, pursuant to the Governor’s Order 03-12-2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.
Approval of Previous Minutes	March 11, 2020 minutes, noted by present members to have been reviewed via email, were approved. They will be signed at the next in-person meeting.
Motion to Approve	Mr. Dillon
Motion Seconded	Ms. Fowler
Result	Approved unanimously

- Proposed Cemetery at Tivnan Drive**

Motion originator
Seconded
Result

Mr. Barrell presented the request of the Cemetery Department that the Board approve the creation of a new Town Cemetery at Paul X. Tivnan Drive, Map/Lot #177/002, a 35.55 Acre lot next to the Solar field.

Dr. Sullivan
Ms. Fowler
Approved unanimously via roll call:
Dr. Sullivan – yes
Ms. Salate – yes
Ms. Fowler – yes
Mr. Dillon – yes
Mr. Barrell - yes

- Central MA Mosquito Control Project**

Mr. Barrell updated the Board – The goal continues to be inclusion of the CMMCP membership proposal on the Town Warrant for the May Town meeting. He reports that the Town Administrator is working on obtaining grant funding to cover the cost of membership.

- COVID-19 Update**

- Mr. Barrell reported that he and Ms. Lee have had to pursue closure of non-essential businesses that remained open.
- With the assistance of Phil Leger and Julie VanArsdalen of CMRPHA, a budget request was submitted for Board of Health costs related to management of COVID-19. The funds will be used for Public Health Nursing overtime costs for monitoring

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cases in West Boylston, for overtime cost and equipment needed for staff, and for potential quarantine and clean-up costs.

- Mr. Barrell noted that Nancy Lucier, Town Administrator, presented an excellent report to the Select Board at the April 1, 2020 meeting on what the Town is doing to address the COVID-19 crisis. It can be viewed on West Boylston Public Access.

- A decision was made by the Town Administration and Board of Health, in conjunction with DCR and the Wachusett Greenway, to close the West Boylston section of the Rail Trail due to recent high numbers of people using the trail, creating difficulty in social distancing thereby increasing the risk of transmitting the highly contagious virus.

- The National Guard began testing patients for COVID-19 at two local nursing homes today - Oakdale Rehabilitation Center and Knollwood Nursing Facility.

- Dr. Sullivan and Ms. Salate provided some clarification around how the testing process works including the reporting procedures. Ms. Salate reported there are new quarantine criteria for positive cases quarantined at home. The 14 day period has been reduced to 7 days, with the requirement of no symptoms for 3 days.

- **CMRPHA Local Report**

Report was not presented at this meeting. Inspections were limited this month due to the Governor's orders. Any inspection or complaint activity addressed during this period will be presented at an upcoming meeting, when deemed appropriate.

- **CMRPHA Regional Report**

Report was not presented at this meeting. CMRPHA monthly update has not yet been made available to post.

- **Bill approval, Financial report**

Report not presented at this meeting due to time constraints. There are no significant updates for this period. Individual Board members are approved to sign invoices as needed.

- **Non-commercial Farm Animal Regs**

Not addressed at this meeting due to time constraints.

- **Office Report**

Report not presented at this meeting due to time constraints. There are no significant updates for this period.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Originator	Dr. Sullivan
Motion Seconded	Ms. Salate
Result	Approved unanimously
Time of Adjournment	6:00 pm

Signatures

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

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Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

Michaun Fowler, BSM

John Sullivan, MD

Thomas Dillon

Submitted by: Margaret Lee
Date Submitted: 05-11-2020

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