



**Town of West Boylston**  
140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

## The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting	04-22-2021 / 6:00pm / via remote ZOOM conference
Members Present	Beverly Salate, Michaun Fowler, Tracy Gagnon
Members Not Present	Robert Barrell, John Sullivan
Guests	Danielle Edmands (CMRPHA)
Welcome – Call to Order	Time: 6:03 pm - The meeting was held “virtually” via Zoom and Ms. Salate 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. <u>NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY (ZOOM), ACCORDING TO GOV. BAKER’S INSTRUCTIONS, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS AS TOWN HALL REMAINS CLOSED. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING WAS ALLOWED THROUGH ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON THE POSTED MEETING AGENDA.</u>
Approval of Previous Minutes	March 31, 2021 meeting 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	Ms. Gagnon
Motion Seconded	Ms. Fowler
Result	Approved unanimously

- **Backyard Farm Animal Regulations**

Ms. Lee asked for confirmation regarding approved changes in Penalties section, due to need for clarification. She reported also conferring with Daniel Mercurio (Agricultural Commission), and he approved the specific language. The Board members present agreed the changes were in keeping with recommendations. The Board indicated the draft may be submitted for review by the Town Counsel.

- **COVID-19**

Ms. Salate reported approximately 45% of eligible MA residents have been vaccinated to date. She also noted 5,820 residents thus far who have received the vaccination subsequently contracted COVID-19. She noted that people should not let their guard down; mask wearing should be adhered to even after being vaccinated.

- **Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA)**

Ms. Salate reports that Worcester does not have the ability to contract public health nursing services at this time, therefore the Board should maintain the contract with Sutton Board of Health, if they agree to continue to provide this service. She asked the Board to approve the proposal for the new IMA as described at last month’s meeting.

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**Motion to Approve  
Motion Seconded  
Result**

**Ms. Fowler  
Ms. Gagnon  
Approved unanimously**

- **CMRPHA Regional Report**

CMRPHA report update for April was not received.

- **CMRPHA Local Report**

Ms. Edmands' report covers the period since the last Board Meeting on 03-31-2021; she completed one inspection and one re-inspection. She responded to two complaints, both related to improper COVID-19 precautions at businesses; indicating there were no critical issues, but provided guidance. She also reported working with two businesses relative to permit applications and upcoming inspections.

- **Bill approval, Financial report**

Ms. Lee reported that two bills were approved and paid – the IMA with Worcester, and Sutton BoH Nursing Services for costs other than COVID-19; the last COVID-19 invoice was for January 2021. Both payments were approved by Bob Barrell, BoH chair. The current balance for the BOH Revolving account is \$44,068.33, which includes the balance (approximately \$9,500) of the funding from Worcester to cover COVID-19 related costs.

- **Office report**

Ms. Lee reviewed the updates to the Office report; there were no significant updates. She noted that DPW reports they were contacted by the new owner of 45 & 49 Central Street regarding hooking up to Town Sewer, but no application has yet been submitted.

- **Other**

Town Meeting scheduled for 05/17/21 at Middle/HS ballfield, with rain date 05/24/21.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion Originator  
Motion Seconded  
Result  
Time of Adjournment**

**Ms. Gagnon  
Ms. Fowler  
Approved unanimously  
6:26 pm**

**Signatures**

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Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

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John Sullivan, MD

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Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

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Tracy Gagnon, MEd

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Michaun Fowler, BSM

**Submitted by: Margaret Lee  
Date Submitted: 05-19-2021**

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