



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

The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting	10-14-2020 / 6:00pm / via remote ZOOM conference
Members Present	Robert Barrell, Thomas Dillon, John Sullivan, Beverly Salate, Michaun Fowler
Members Not Present	
Guests	Phil Leger (CMRPHA); Donald Varney (Agricultural Commission); Chris Rucho – Zoom host
Welcome – Call to Order	Time: 6:12 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.
	Mr. Barrell called the roll.
Approval of Previous Minutes	September 23, 2020 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	Mr. Dillon
Motion Seconded	Dr. Sullivan
Result	Approved 5-0 by roll call.

- CMRPHA Regional Report**

CMRPHA report update for October was emailed by the Alliance and will be posted. Mr. Leger reported the “Stop the Spread” campaign site (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>) has information on free COVID-19 testing. CMRPHA staff have been busy responding to questions, concerns, and complaints. He stated there is concern that the upcoming holidays will cause an increase in positive COVID-19 cases. In the most recent conference call for Local Boards of Health, it was emphasized that the COVID-19 guidelines apply to all holiday events and celebrations. Door to door trick or treating is considered high-risk and not recommended; the CDC has suggestions for safe celebration. He noted that the additional COVID-19 funding for communities must be used by December 31, 2020.

- CMRPHA Local Report**

Ms. Edmands’ report covers period since the last Board Meeting on 09-23-2020; she completed five routine inspections with no critical issues. Mr. Leger reported she visited eleven food service permittees to make sure they have mask signage and provided signs where needed.

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- **COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Barrell advised the Board of an increase in positive COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks in West Boylston, which affected the Town's risk category, now yellow. He related the concern of the Select Board regarding risks of residents celebrating Halloween with Trick or Treating and asking the Board of Health to reconsider their recommendation to discourage the practice, instead banning it. Mr. Barrell stated the Board does not have the power to ban it and enforce a ban. He re-read the section of September's minutes related to their Halloween recommendation. Dr. Sullivan made a motion to reword the post slightly to indicate the Board "strongly" recommends no Trick or Treating door to door, and request that the post be displayed on the Town's main webpage.

Motion Originator

Dr. Sullivan

Motion Seconded

Mr. Dillon

Result

Approved unanimously via roll call

Relative to the COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations, the American Legion requested they be approved to have a Pitch League, consisting of 60 people, arranged four to a table, for 90 minutes, recurring weekly. Due to the risk potential, Dr. Sullivan made a motion that the Board deny the request.

Motion Originator

Dr. Sullivan

Motion Seconded

Ms. Fowler

Result

Approved 4-0 via roll call; Mr. Dillon recused himself.

- **Non-commercial Farm Animal Regs**

Mr. Dillon reported he attended the Agricultural Commission meeting on 10-07-2020 and asked Mr. Varney to provide information. Mr. Barrell indicated that the Board would like to move forward for the approval of the regulations and asked Mr. Varney about the status of Agricultural Commission's recommendations, now that they have attended the Enforcement seminar. Mr. Varney said they are "on board" with passing the regulations and talked about the previous concerns discussed regarding outlier problems which can be addressed through the "wide ranging authority" the Board of Health has through the Commonwealth's Nuisance laws. He said this seems to answer the concerns and thinks they will also be ready after their next meeting.

- **PHEP / Emergency Dispensing Site**

Mr. Barrell reported that Tom Welsh, the Fire Chief has requested help with planning for the Emergency Dispensing Site. Ms. Salate said she is available after October and Mr. Dillon also volunteered. Mr. Barrell asked that they take the lead on working with Chief Welsh and that Ms. Fowler, who also expressed interest, be a back-up. He asked they contact the Chief about a seminar in November. Dr. Sullivan said he will return the report from the last drill and other documents to the office; he indicated he did not find a specific step-by-step plan and that one needs to be developed.

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- **Bill approval, Financial report**

The Revolving Fund Balance was not available to be presented at this meeting; Ms. Lee will email it to members. Mr. Barrell signed invoices submitted since the last meeting: IMA invoice for Worcester IMA for September 2020 - \$1840.69 and Title 5 inspectional services May through September 2020 - \$1800.00; Sutton Board of Health for September COVID-19 services - \$900.00 and July through September Communicable Disease follow-up - \$1125.00.

Review and approval of this month's financial report will be addressed at the next meeting.

- **Office report**

Title 5 project updates:

385 Lancaster – Owner (Pick-off) in process of demolishing entire structure – site partly cleaned up; fence erected around perimeter. Called Bob Case to inform him DSCP expires 02-26-2021. He stated he plans to start soon – Curtis Septic.

290 Goodale – DSCP and plans received and approved; different installer chosen – Slims & Berthiaume Sewer Service, Inc. applied for DWI and Hauler permits. In progress.

58 Keyes Street – New septic system for new home (correction from last month); in progress.

136 Fairbanks Street – Pumping slip indicated cess pool not working properly, file showed system failed T-5 inspection in 2002, drawings done for replacement, but work never done. Letter sent; owner called. Bob to follow up. No update.

242 Fairbanks Street – Owner called, stating Septage Hauler indicated system failing, another informal inspection by licensed inspector, confirmed failure. Owner looking into financing replacement system.

320 Goodale Street – Soil Test results received for second area, David Ross Assoc. designing replacement system.

34 Brooks Crossing – D-box replacement completed, CoC received.

126 Laurel Street – D-box and outlet baffle replacement completed, CoC being sent by contractor.

Title 5 Inspections – none since last report

151 Malden Street – Well application in progress for additional well to water lawn & shrubs.

Other Miscellaneous:

45 & 49 Central Street – not yet connected to sewer.

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22 Evergreen Street – Ms. Edmands to follow up periodically; no recent complaints; owner has committed to gradual reduction of flock.

Permit/Fees: 2021 Permits beginning to arrive.

- **Other business**

Ms. Salate suggested the Town post a Thank You to Town businesses for their efforts to keep us safe. It was suggested the Board of Health be included also. Ms. Fowler suggested we request it be posted on the electronic bulletin board.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Originator	Mr. Dillon
Motion Seconded	Dr. Sullivan
Result	Approved unanimously via roll call
Time of Adjournment	6:58 pm

Signatures

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

Michaun Fowler, BSM

John Sullivan, MD

Thomas Dillon

Submitted by: Margaret Lee
Date Submitted: 11-18-2020

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