



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

The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting	12-16-2020 / 6:00pm / via remote ZOOM conference
Members Present	Robert Barrell, Thomas Dillon, John Sullivan, Beverly Salate, Michaun Fowler
Members Not Present	
Guests	Danielle Edmands and Julie VanArsdalen (CMRPHA); Tom Welsh - Fire Chief
Welcome – Call to Order	Time: 6:00 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	November 18, 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 unanimously

- **Non-commercial Farm Animal Regs**

Agricultural Commission has not yet gotten back to the Board; therefore, this subject is tabled for this meeting.

- **COVID-19 Update**

West Boylston is now designated a high-risk community – “red” category, with the number of positive cases continuing to increase. The schools are now conducting remote only classes until after the holiday vacation when they will re-assess; exception is Pre-K to Grade 3 which is still having in-person classes until the end of the week.

Dr. Sullivan provided updates regarding vaccination plans. He does not think the Town will need to provide a clinic for residents, at least initially, and likely not at all. UMass Medical has started distribution to hospitals for staff. CVS and Walgreens have been contracted to provide vaccination to Nursing Home staff and residents. Mr. Barrell asked about the schedule relative to school aged children; information not yet available.

Mr. Barrell does not think the Board of Health has the resources to hold a vaccination clinic, for example the necessary refrigeration among other considerations. Pfizer formula requires specialized pharmacy grade refrigeration, while Moderna formula does not.

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Ms. Salate states that the VNA is part of Phase I roll out in late January-early February, and expects vaccination for front-line staff first and then home-bound patients.

Mr. Dillon pointed out that tracking will be the big challenge, both to manage the second required dose and keep track of who has received the vaccination. Ms. Salate opined that the Town would likely not meet the requirements to distribute the vaccine due to necessity of being part of the Mass Immunization Information System (MIIS) to register all immunizations.

Chief Welsh reported he also has had no news from the state regarding community services participation in distributing the vaccine.

Mr. Barrell reported that PPE purchases are limited, cannot be stockpiled, and must be used within two months.

Ms. VanArsdalen noted that inoculation for the majority of the population is expected to take six to nine months.

- **PHEP / Emergency Dispensing Site**

The Board was informed that the yearly EDS Drill needs to be scheduled. Chief Welsh noted that the location depends on whether students are in school. The Senior Center is the first choice and is currently not having programs. Dr. Sullivan suggested we wait to schedule until after the holidays as we will then have more information. Chief Welsh said he plans to meet with Chief Minnich to go over the two sites and will get back to the Board after the holidays.

- **CMRPHA Regional Report**

CMRPHA report update for December was emailed by the Alliance and will be posted. The Board was updated on Mr. Leger, who recently underwent successful heart bypass surgery; after a short stay at UMass Medical, he will be recovering at home and will not be returning to work due to his retirement. Due to time constraints, the usual CMRPHA report was tabled. Ms. VanArsdalen will be covering all Title 5 work going forward.

- **CMRPHA Local Report**

Ms. Edmands' report covers the period since the last Board Meeting on 11-18-2020; she completed six routine inspections and responded to several complaints, two of which were reports on employee non-compliance with mask wearing. There were no critical issues.

- **Body Art Regulations update**

Ms. Lee reports she spoke with Mike Haskins, owner of The Heritage Rose, who agrees with the proposed changes and supports the suggested requirement of 7 years practitioner experience for a Master practitioner to oversee an apprentice. Ms. Lee will be working on the changes as time permits and will follow up with the shop owners for review before review by the Board and subsequent Public Hearing to approve the amendments.

- **Bill approval, Financial report**

The Revolving Fund Balance is currently \$62,654.62 which includes recent receipts of \$5,205.00 and the COVID-10 Cares Act Grant of \$30,000. There were two invoices approved for payment – November Monthly IMA with Worcester for

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Inspectional Services - \$1840.69 and October Public Health Nursing Services with Sutton Board of Health - \$3,750.00 for COVID-19 related services.

Motion to Approve
Motion Seconded
Result

Mr. Dillon
Ms. Salate
Approved unanimously

- Other

Ms. Salate suggested the Board revisit the Public Health Nurse contract options after the Pandemic is past. Dr. Sullivan agreed. Mr. Barrell indicated that they did look at other options before the current contract was signed and determined Sutton Board of Health was the most economical option.

- Office report

Ms. Lee reports there were no changes since the last report relative to Title 5.

86 - 2021 Permit applications were received by 12-16-2020
At Mr. Barrell's request, Ms. Lee gave a brief overview of the permit process.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Originator
Motion Seconded
Result
Time of Adjournment

Dr. Sullivan
Mr. Dillon
Approved unanimously
6:44 pm

Signatures

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

Michaun Fowler, BSM

John Sullivan, MD

Thomas J. Dillon

Submitted by: **Margaret Lee**
Date Submitted: **01-20-2021**

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