



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

## **The Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date / Time / Location of Meeting</b>	<b>02-24-2021 / 6:00pm / via remote ZOOM conference</b>
<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Robert Barrell, John Sullivan, Beverly Salate, Michaun Fowler, Tracy Gagnon</b>
<b>Members Not Present</b>	
<b>Guests</b>	<b>Danielle Edmands and Julie VanArsdalen (CMRPHA)</b>
<b>Welcome – Call to Order</b>	<b>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. <u>NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY (ZOOM), ACCORDING TO GOV. BAKER’S INSTRUCTIONS, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS AS TOWN HALL HAD REMAINED CLOSED. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING WAS ALLOWED THROUGH ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON THE POSTED MEETING AGENDA.</u></b>
	<b>Mr. Barrell called the roll.</b>
<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	<b>January 20, 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.</b>
<b>Motion to Approve</b>	<b>Dr. Sullivan</b>
<b>Motion Seconded</b>	<b>Ms. Salate</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Approved unanimously</b>

- **New Board Member welcome**

Mr. Barrell introduced new Board of Health member Tracy Gagnon to the Board and guests; she was welcomed by all.

- **COVID-19 Update**

West Boylston’s risk level has been decreased to yellow due to drop in number of positive cases over recent weeks.

Ms. VanArsdalen and Mr. Barrell visited Beaman Library in anticipation of the library re-opening to the public, to address concerns and review safety protocols for COVID-19 transmission prevention. Ms. VanArsdalen detailed the steps to be taken and said she is impressed with the current curbside service. It was suggested the library staff come up with a tiered approach to accommodate increases in access per the re-opening Phases and various options were discussed.

Dr. Sullivan provided some relevant information regarding updated research that indicates COVID-19 is transmitted almost solely via aerosol and droplet; transmission via contact with surfaces is very rare.

Mr. Barrell met with Housing Authority manager Dennis Plante to coordinate efforts to vaccinate Housing Authority residents.

A survey indicates 14 residents want help getting the vaccine,

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and a clinic in Leominster is being offered. They are working on a solution to provide transportation for those who need it.

Mr. Barrell noted that there is an important webinar on Friday 02-26-21, to address providing vaccine to home bound residents. Dr. Sullivan reported that he continues to work with the Superintendent of Schools regarding return to in-person classes. He also reports that he is working at UMass with Moderna vaccine trials for children.

- PHEP / Emergency Dispensing Site

Mr. Barrell reiterated that the Town will not be holding a COVID-19 vaccine clinic. He and Ms. Salate clarified the Board's decision at the recent Select Board meeting on 02-17-21.

Ms. Lee asked the Board about naming a new PHEP representative since Mr. Leger has resigned. Ms. VanArsdalen offered to be West Boylston's representative; she also represents Grafton. Mr. Barrell requested a motion to approve Ms. VanArsdalen as our PHEP representative.

Motion to Approve  
Motion Seconded  
Result

Dr. Sullivan  
Ms. Fowler  
Approved unanimously

- CMRPHA Regional Report

CMRPHA report update for February was not received.

- CMRPHA Local Report

Ms. Edmands' report covers the period since the last Board Meeting on 01-20-2021; she completed 11 inspections and two re-inspections. She responded to one complaint, for leaks through the roof of a restaurant, which had to be closed until those were repaired. There were no critical issues.

Ms. Edmands explained, in response to a question, that the number of regular inspections per year depends on the type of establishment and service; from one to three per year.

- Bill approval, Financial report

The Revolving Fund Balance is currently \$56,047.24 which includes recent receipts of \$2,610.00. There were two invoices approved for payment – January Monthly IMA with Worcester for Inspectional Services - \$1840.69, January Public Health Nursing Services with Sutton Board of Health - \$3,596.00 for COVID-19 services.

Motion to Approve  
Motion Seconded  
Result

Dr. Sullivan  
Ms. Salate  
Approved unanimously

- Earth Removal Board

Mr. Barrell asked for a volunteer to represent the Board of Health on the Earth Removal Board. While both Ms. Salate and Ms. Fowler indicated they were willing, they did not feel they have any knowledge or experience that would be appropriate to fill this role. Mr. Barrell said he will return to this role and Ms. Salate and Ms. Fowler indicated they will attend the next meeting to become more familiar with what is required. A motion was requested to confirm the representative.

Motion to Approve  
Motion Seconded  
Result

Dr. Sullivan  
Ms. Fowler  
Approved unanimously

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- Annual report

Mr. Barrell reports he contacted Collen Bolen (CMRPHA) regarding their contribution to our Annual Report; she indicated we should receive it by Friday 02-26-21.

- Office report

Ms. Lee reports there were two Title 5 reports, both passed and two replacement septic systems in process, at 320 Goodale Street and 44 Campground Road. Pick-off Properties indicated plans to restart work at 385 Lancaster Street.

One complaint came in describing possible farm animal neglect, which was referred to the Animal Inspector and the Agricultural Commission.

45 & 49 Central Street have recently been purchased again, which highlighted the ongoing issue of not being connected to public sewer as required. Mr. Barrell said he would discuss this issue with the Town Administrator due to need for legal guidance.

115 -- 2021 Permit applications were received by 02-24-2021.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Originator	Ms. Salate
Motion Seconded	Ms. Fowler
Result	Approved unanimously
Time of Adjournment	6:58 pm

#### Signatures

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Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

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Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

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Michaun Fowler, BSM

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John Sullivan, MD

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Tracy Gagnon, MEd

Submitted by: **Margaret Lee**  
Date Submitted: **03-24-2021**

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