



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

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

<b>Date / Time / Location of Meeting</b>	09-07-2022 / 6:00pm / Room 120, Town Offices
	Meeting was recorded and available to view at <a href="https://www.westboylston-ma.gov/wbpa-public-access-tv">https://www.westboylston-ma.gov/wbpa-public-access-tv</a>
<b>Members Present</b>	John Sullivan, Robert Barrell, Christopher Whelan, Tracy Gagnon, Thomas Mullins
<b>Members Not Present</b>	
<b>Guests</b>	Julie VanArsdalen, CMRPHA Public Health Inspector
<b>Welcome – Call to Order</b>	Time: 6:00 pm by Chair Dr. Sullivan

06-08-2022 Approved Minutes  
Body Art Regulation Signatures

Signed by those absent at August meeting  
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Approval of Previous Minutes

July 13, 2022 meeting minutes – a request by Mr. Whelan to clarify Mr. Whelan's votes regarding Open Meeting Law complaints and Anti-harassment Code of Conduct, after some discussion, was approved, and will be updated to sign at the October meeting.

Motion to approve  
Motion Seconded  
Result

Dr. Sullivan  
Mr. Whelan  
Approved unanimously

August 17, 2022 minutes will be sent out to Board members for review, signatures at next meeting.

- **COVID-19 updates**

Dr. Sullivan reported that he received his booster for COVID variants BA4 and BA5 along with his flu shot. Mr. Barrell asked whether both shots could be administered in the same arm and Dr. Sullivan said yes, but he received one shot per arm so he could gauge his reaction. He clarified the shot has the booster for the original variant, plus the combined BA4/BA5 component. He encourages everyone to avail themselves of the vaccinations when they are eligible. CVS has the Moderna booster, and those who have received Pfizer vaccine previously can get the Moderna booster, and vice versa. Dr. Sullivan noted Biobot reports indicates continuing COVID impact with recent numbers varying between 800 RNA copies per ml to over 1500 copies per ml. He confirmed that the virus is still active and emphasized that those fully vaccinated have a minimal risk of serious illness. Ms. Lee noted that she posted recently received vaccine information on the Town's Board of Health web-page.

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- **PH Coordination / Regional Report**

Ms. VanArsdalen noted that due to a communication issue, the Worcester guests she hoped to attend would not be here.

- **Opioid Settlement Funding**

Mr. Barrell reported that while the Town will receive some funding, there is no update at this time and will inform the Board of any relevant information.

- **Office report**

Ms. VanArsdalen reviewed recent inspections and complaints. Ms. Lee provided a brief update to last month's office report citing new and ongoing projects. Ms. VanArsdalen and Ms. Lee answered questions regarding the status of some projects.

- **New Business**

Dr. Sullivan addressed an upcoming Charrette meeting regarding an idea for a 40B development on Malden Street, for discussion with Town representatives. Mr. Barrell offered to represent the Board of Health at the meeting; he will also be representing the Affordable Housing Trust at the same meeting. Mr. Barrell explained the Charrette meeting, and noted that while the company has indicated it wants to build a "friendly" 40B, his experience is that 40B projects incur costs for the Town, such as water, sewer and school costs. Dr. Sullivan asked that Mr. Barrell report back to the Board when there is more information.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>Motion Originator</b>	<b>Mr. Whelan</b>
<b>Motion Seconded</b>	<b>Mr. Barrell</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Approved unanimously</b>
<b>Time of Adjournment</b>	<b>6:21 pm</b>

**Signatures**

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John Sullivan, MD , Chair

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Christopher Whelan, MEd

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Tracy Gagnon, MEd, Vice Chair

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Thomas F. Mullins, MD

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Robert J. Barrell, MPA

**Submitted by: Margaret Lee**  
**Date Submitted: 10-12-2022**

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