



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

The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting	10-12-2022 / 6:00pm / Room 120, Town Offices
	Meeting was recorded and available to view at https://www.westboylston-ma.gov/wbpa-public-access-tv
Members Present	John Sullivan, Robert Barrell, Tracy Gagnon, Thomas Mullins
Members Not Present	Christopher Whelan
Guests	Julie VanArsdalen, CMRPHA Public Health Inspector
Welcome – Call to Order	Time: 6:00 pm by Chair Dr. Sullivan

Approval & Signing of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve
Motion Seconded
Result

September 2022 Board of Health minutes were reviewed by all via email; approved and signed by those present.

Dr. Mullins

Mr. Barrell

Approved unanimously

July and August 2022 minutes, previously approved, were signed by those members present. Mr. Whelan will be asked to sign them when next in attendance.

- **COVID-19 updates**

Dr. Sullivan reported that as of today 114 inpatients at UMass Memorial Hospital are diagnosed as COVID positive, which is higher than it has been. The Blackstone sewerage quantitative RNA indicates around 1.5 million copies per liter. COVID variants BA4 and BA5 are still in circulation. Most of those infected are asymptomatic to having moderate symptoms primarily due to being vaccinated. He urged those who have not yet gotten a booster to get the most recent one – it is not necessary to have received the first two boosters as the bivalent booster addresses the original as well as the two currently active variants.

- **Office report**

Ms. VanArsdalen noted recent inspections, complaints, and new permit application reviews; she also reported that Soil tests at 33 Prescott Street were completed and they approved a new Sushi bar at Bamboo Garden, pending approval of the Building Department.

The Board discussed reported new management of the Manor Restaurant. Ms. VanArsdalen clarified that new permits must be obtained when the business has a new owner. Ms. Lee noted that Pinecroft restaurant has a new owner and did apply for new permits. Ms. Lee will follow up to clarify the situation at the Manor.

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Ms. VanArsdalen requested that the Board approve 2022 start dates on such permits (e.g. change of owner or new applicants within the renewal period) to expire at the end of 2023 rather than requiring a renewal in January 2023.

Motion to approve Dr. Mullins
Motion Seconded Mr. Barrell
Result Approved unanimously

Ms. Lee provided a brief update to last month's office report with no significant changes from last month's report, noting 138 permits for 2022 to date, 10 so far approved for 2023. Ms. Lee described changes she has made to the applications to remove references to the specific year in preparation for making the applications available on-line next year, and the need to finish changing the CMRPHA logo on all paperwork. She reported recent invoices, for the IMA with Worcester, COVID and Communicable Disease Nursing Services, and MA Assoc. of Health Boards yearly membership, noting that the previous funding for COVID related services has been expended, and no further funding is available at this time.

- 18 Malden Street - proposed 40B

Mr. Barrell reported that, as requested, he attended the recent round-table meeting regarding this proposed development. He indicated that no new information resulted from this meeting and he does not know the status.

- Next BOH meeting date

Proposed for 11-30-2022 after a brief discussion. Ms. Lee will email Board members for confirmation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Originator Dr. Mullins
Motion Seconded Ms. Gagnon
Result Approved unanimously
Time of Adjournment 6:14 pm

Signatures

Not in attendance

John Sullivan, MD , Chair

Christopher Whelan, MEd

Tracy Gagnon, MEd, Vice Chair

Thomas F. Mullins, MD

Robert J. Barrell, MPA

Submitted by: Margaret Lee
Date Submitted: 11-30-2022

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