



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

The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

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| Date / Time / Location of Meeting | 06-16-2021 / 6:00pm |
| Members Present | Robert Barrell, John Sullivan, Tracy Gagnon, Beverly Salate, Michaun Fowler |
| Members Not Present | |
| Guests | Julie VanArsdalen, Danielle Edmands (CMRPHA); Dan Mercurio (Agricultural Committee) |
| Welcome – Call to Order | Time: 6:00 pm - The meeting was held at the West Boylston Senior Center. |
| Approval of Previous Minutes | May 19, 2021 meeting minutes, noted by present members to have been reviewed and approved via email, were signed by those members who attended that meeting. Board members present also signed all minutes from the past year when they were in attendance. |
| Motion to Approve | Ms. Gagnon |
| Motion Seconded | Ms. Fowler |
| Result | Approved unanimously |

- **Backyard Farm Animal Regulations**

The Board received the regulations back from the Town attorney, annotated with reviewer comments and questions. Mr. Mercurio indicated he had concerns about some of the comments while other comments seemed appropriate. He said the Agricultural Committee will be meeting soon and will go over the comments and plan to attend an upcoming Board of Health meeting to provide their feedback.

Ms. Gagnon suggested that honey bees also be included in the regulations.

- **COVID-19**

Dr. Sullivan reported that the process of residents getting vaccinated in Town seems to be running smoothly, with at least 70 percent of residents over 60 years old fully vaccinated. He notes that in the age group 12-15 we have only 40% vaccinated and we should encourage parents to get their adolescents vaccinated. Currently, children 6 months of age to 11 years are in clinical trials with the hope that they will be eligible for vaccine in the fall. He also noted that 22% of current positive COVID-19 cases are the new delta variant, which is responsible for the current burst of cases in India and England. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are effective against this and the other variants. Fully vaccinated adults and adolescents will be eligible for five – one-million-dollar awards (adults) or 1.5 million dollars

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in college scholarships (adolescents) if fully vaccinated by July 16. All fully vaccinated persons can enter the lottery on July 1 (mass.gov/VaxMillions).

Ms. Salate noted that for those who did not receive their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna at the time initially recommended, they can still get one. She reported that there is a new app for smart phones that will alert you if you are within six feet of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19; MA residents will be sent a notice to enable them to install the app. OSHA has proposed regulations to require those not vaccinated to wear face masks. Also, the in-home vaccination program will now be available to those who do not meet previous limiting criteria.

- PHEP trailer

Mr. Barrell reports he and the inspector from Worcester completed the inspection of the Coalition's Public Health emergency trailer. Some equipment was determined to need updating or replacing, such as the fire extinguisher and the tires. Ms. Salate suggested a request be made for shelving in the trailer to better organize the supplies.

- Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA)

Ms. VanArsdalen reported that the one-year new Intermunicipal Agreement with participating towns is being prepared and will require an authorized signature. Mr. Barrell noted the increase in cost for the Town is significant for this coming year; our understanding is that there will be money for this available via Federal Pandemic Funds. Ms. VanArsdalen stated that MA DPH awarded Worcester DPH funding for a three-year cost analysis.

- CMRPHA Regional Report

Ms. VanArsdalen provided an overview of the CMRPHA June 2021 update.

- CMRPHA Local Report

Ms. Edmands' report covers the period since the last Board Meeting on 05-19-2021; she completed 10 routine inspections and all businesses were in compliance. There were no active complaints during this period.

- Bill approval, Financial report

Ms. Lee reported that one invoice was approved and paid – IMA services with Worcester. An invoice was also received for COVID-19 services from Sutton Board of Health, for the months of February, March, and April 2021, however due to a math error, we have requested it be corrected and re-submitted.

- Office report

Ms. VanArsdalen provided a brief summary of the Office report, noting she has not received any follow-up to date on the Sterling Meadows septic system problem. She also provided information on what is required for vendors at a Farmer's Market recently proposed by a local church.

- Authorized Signatures - FY 2021-22

Board members signed the required signature form. Ms. Salate proposed approval of the authorized signatures.

Motion Originator

Ms. Salate

Motion Seconded

Ms. Fowler

Result

Approved unanimously

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- **Board of Health Reorganization**

Mr. Barrell agreed to continue as Board of Health chair, and Ms. Gagnon offered to serve as vice-chair. Ms. Salate moved to accept.

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| Motion Originator | Ms. Salate |
| Motion Seconded | Ms. Fowler |
| Result | Approved unanimously |

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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| Motion Originator | Dr. Sullivan |
| Motion Seconded | Ms. Fowler |
| Result | Approved unanimously |
| Time of Adjournment | 6:50 pm |

Signatures

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

John Sullivan, MD

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

Tracy Gagnon, MEd

Michaun Fowler, BSM

Submitted by: **Margaret Lee**
Date Submitted: **07-07-2021**

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