



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

The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting	08-14-2019 / 6pm / Room 210
Members Present	Robert Barrell, Michaun Fowler, Thomas Dillon
Members Not Present	Beverly Salate, John Sullivan
Guests	Philip Leger (CMRPHA), Steve Jones; Nancy Lucier; 38+ Town residents (see list of those who signed in at the end of minutes)
Welcome – Call to Order	Time: 6:00 pm
Opened Public Hearing	Time: 6:00 pm
	Mr. Barrell opened the Public Hearing to address the Proposed Regulations for the Keeping of Non-commercial Farm Animals. He informed the attendees that the Board was not voting on the Regulations at this time and the Public Hearing is to answer questions and obtain feedback from Town residents.
Public comments:	Approximately 10 attendees voiced questions or concerns regarding wording and content of the regulations. Some asked for clarification; others expressed concerns as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Add language to prevent arbitrary increases in the nominal fee, fines, or substantive changes to the regulations in the future.- Provide assurance that those doing inspections and determining procedures are qualified to do so and can be objective.- Provide limits to number of animals allowed in high density neighborhoods where the lots are small, perhaps designating certain square footage per animal.- Maximum of \$1000.00 in penalties is too high; reconsider penalty costs.- For the number of issues that arise each year, the extent of the regulations seems unnecessary – can violations be addressed by Animal Inspector on a case by case basis using existing state and local laws.- West Boylston Historical Society has designated the Town as a rural community, however it was noted that some areas are densely populated and more suburban than rural.- Clarification needed around “best practices” vs. “normal agricultural practices”, to be realistic.- Include “farm” in definition section.- Opposes fencing being required to keep livestock on property; issues about fencing cost and wanting chickens to free range.
Other:	Mr. Barrell encouraged attendees to provide written feedback to the Board via mail or email. He noted that the Board will take all feedback into consideration. In response to a question, he estimates the Board will be voting on and enacting the regulations before the end of the calendar year.
Closed Public Hearing	Time: 7:20 p.m.

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Approval of Previous Minutes		July 2019 minutes were reviewed and signed
	Motion Originator	Ms. Fowler
	Motion Seconded	Mr. Dillon
	Result	Approved unanimously
• CMRPHA Local Report		
	Discussion	Mr. Barrell presented a brief synopsis of the inspections list, however did not have the details as Mr. Leger had to leave early. Ms. Lee said she will send out the details to the Board via email. Of 11 Inspections, two were pre-operational, three had cleaning violations, one had meat storage violation and two minor issues; five had no critical violations. There were two complaint follow-ups and two new nuisance complaints addressed.
• CMRPHA Regional Report		
	Discussion	Reminder: Millbury will be hosting the next Quarterly CMRPHA luncheon meeting October 16, 2019 at 12:30pm at the Asa Waters Mansion. The CMRPHA monthly update has info on community events throughout the Alliance municipalities and can be accessed via the Board of Health webpage.
• Bill approval, Financial report		
		Ms. Lee reported the Revolving Fund Account Balance: \$38,805. 38 includes July receipts to date, and presented one invoice for payment approval -\$1806.24 to City of Worcester, monthly Inter-municipal Agreement payment.
	Motion to Accept	Ms. Fowler
	Seconded	Mr. Dillon
	Result	Approved unanimously
• Office Report		
		<u>Title 5 project updates:</u>
		385 Lancaster – Owner (Pick-off) reports plans to demolish entire structure, start from scratch.
		307 Lancaster, Bethlehem Bible Church – new engineer, working on plans
		11 Hosmer – Plans submitted, approved; Mercurio contractor; has not started
		290 Goodale – Owner reports getting financing for Septic system replacement and home addition+ next year, was told system is not a hazard and working okay for now; T-5 inspector confirmed; timeframe okayed by Phil and Bob. Letter written to owner to confirm understanding of intent.
		205 Fairbanks Street – 2017 T-5 inspection - failed; soil test completed recently; DSCP submitted 07/17
		180 Malden Street – 2015 T-5 Conditional pass (D-box); new owner called 06-04-19, finding contractor.
		50 Hosmer – DSCP application submitted 08/13.
		73 Prescott Street – failed system 2017, soil tests done and design by David Ross Assoc.; sent letter as no further action was taken. Owner responded, in process of getting state loan, submitted DSCP 07/16.
		Title 5 Inspections – 26 Lancaster Meadows (passed), 9 Lost Oak Road (passed), 32 Winthrop (passed)
		<u>Other Miscellaneous:</u>

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34 Central Street – reminder letter sent due to no update; sewer hook-up by 10-31-19

45 & 49 Central Street – new owner working with DPW on sewer hook-up

53 Central Street – not yet connected to sewer, status uncertain
6, 8, 10, 12 Holt Street condos – started process of hooking up to sewer

24 Blake Avenue – safety concerns for owner/resident; CoA and Elder services following up; Fire chief and Building inspector plan to condemn home if repairs not done by November. Likely does not have running water based on current information.

Website – nothing significant

Permits/Fees:

Ari's Tavern still a work in progress; no update.

"Table 12" Food Service permit issued.

Perry's Mobile Food Truck – permit issued

Body Art – new artist at Heritage Rose; guest artist at ZAZA

Waste Water Services, Inc. – Grease trap & Septic Hauler

Tobacco Violations: none recently.

Office organization update –working on card file, reviewing files.

- Admin. Asst. Performance Evaluation

Discussion

Board members briefly reviewed the evaluation prepared by Ms. Salate and approved it. The Board voted to approve the scheduled September 1, 2019 pay step increase for Ms. Lee.

Motion to Accept

Ms. Fowler

Seconded

Mr. Dillon

Result

Approved unanimously

- PHEP Equipment update

Mr. Barrell stated he will follow-up with Katrina Stanziano to schedule pick-up of new equipment.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Originator

Mr. Dillon

Motion Seconded

Ms. Fowler

Result

Approved unanimously

Time of Adjournment

7:50 pm

Signatures

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

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Michaun Fowler, BSM

John Sullivan, MD

Thomas Dillon

Submitted by: **Margaret Lee**
Date Submitted: **09-11-2019**

List of Public Hearing attendees who signed in:

Thomas Scalera
Matt Surabian
Mollynda McArthur (Agricultural Commission)
Carol Peterson
Diane Peterson
Kristen Peterson
Amy Peterson
Gary Peterson
Marya DeSanti
Michael Pineo
Steven Mercurio
Michael Kitteredge
Stan Murklad
Erika Hicks
Darrell Dorman
Sighle Philbin (Agricultural Commission)
Peggy Rotti
Pam Parslow
Sarah O'Connor

Ethan Karol
Janice McAleer
Walter Regnier
Loree G. Burns
Michele Morrissey
Eugenie Smith
Diana Engelbart
Steven Davis
Kim Davis
David Mercurio
Daniel Mercurio
Amy Marold
Audrey Daigneau
Amber Castellana
Kathryn Simmarano
Beverly Goodale
Patricia Monk
Christine Quitadamo

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