



The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting	09-23-2020 / 6:00pm / via remote ZOOM conference
Members Present	Robert Barrell, Thomas Dillon, John Sullivan, Beverly Salate
Members Not Present	Michaun Fowler
Guests	Phil Leger, CMRPHA; Marion Carsina, West Boylston School Nurse; Chris Rucho – Zoom host
Welcome – Call to Order	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. Mr. Barrell called the roll.
Approval of Previous Minutes	August 17, 2020 meeting minutes, noted by present members to have been reviewed via email, were approved. They will be signed at the next in-person meeting.
Motion to Approve	Dr. Sullivan
Motion Seconded	Ms. Salate
Result	Approved 4-0

- **Public Hearing to approve the Tobacco Sales Regulations update**

Mr. Barrell read the published Public Hearing notice, posted with the Town Clerk, and advertised in the Telegram and Gazette on September 9 and 16, 2020. The purpose of the update to the Tobacco Sales regulations is to align them with the new MA Commonwealth Laws effective June 1, 2020. The only difference is that the Board elected to ban Smoking Bars in the Town. The Draft of the Proposed Regulations was posted on the Board of Health’s web page on August 28, 2020 with reference to this Public Hearing. All Tobacco retailers in West Boylston were mailed copies of the Public Hearing Notice with a copy of the Draft Regulations and the Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Barrell invited any public comment and none was given. No comments were received by any other means of communication. Mr. Barrell asked for a motion to approve the Regulations as written, with an effective date of October 1, 2020.

Motion Originator	Mr. Dillon
Motion Seconded	Dr. Sullivan
Result	Approved 4-0 by roll call – Ms. Salate – yes, Mr. Dillon – yes, Dr. Sullivan – yes, Mr. Barrell – yes.

- **COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Barrell advised the Board that two positive COVID-19 cases over the period of the past month in West Boylston, which continues the Town’s remaining in the State’s low risk category; both cases were young adults under 30 years of age.

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Mr. Barrell reported that Cheryl Rawinski, our Public Health Nurse, was not able to attend this meeting, but plans to attend next month.

Dr. Sullivan reported that he has had almost weekly contact with the Superintendent of Schools and the School Nurse. He said he has made himself available to them by both phone and email.

The current plan is to start classes remotely and begin a hybrid program with part-time in-person attendance in October. The re-opening plan is available on the School website. Ms. Salate asked if Dr. Sullivan knows about students from Worcester who attend West Boylston schools as part of the "School Choice" program, in light of Worcester now being a high-risk area. Dr. Sullivan responded he does not know.

Regarding Halloween, the CDC has guidelines that the Board agrees with, recommending no Trick or Treating or celebration that does not meet the requirements for gatherings, and does meet mask and social distancing requirements. Dr. Sullivan made a motion to issue a recommendation by the Board discouraging Trick or Treating from home to home.

Motion Originator
Motion Seconded
Result

Dr. Sullivan
Mr. Dillon
Approved 4-0

- Non-commercial Farm Animal Regs

Mr. Barrell plans to attend the next meeting of the Agricultural Commission hoping to finalize the proposed regulations. Ms. Lee will contact them for the date, as it has not yet been posted.

- CMRPHA Local Report

Ms. Edmands' report covers period since the last Board Meeting on 08-27-2020. She completed nine routine inspections with no critical issues. She followed up on a complaint related to COVID-19, resident concerns about employees with medical exemptions not wearing masks. While they may be exempt, she requested they wear a mask for the short periods they are in close proximity to customers.

- CMRPHA Regional Report

CMRPHA report update for September was sent by the Alliance and will be posted. Mr. Leger reported low risk in this area for EEE and WNV. Alliance focus has been on the "Stop the Spread" campaign with free COVID-19 testing extended until the end of October. Residents are urged to get seasonal Flu vaccine. He summarized new restaurant and other guidelines effective 09-28-2020. He noted that MA DPH recommendations for Halloween are coming soon, referencing CDC guidelines.

- Bill approval, Financial report

The Revolving Fund Balance is \$28,265.93. Mr. Barrell signed invoices submitted since the last meeting: IMA invoice for Worcester Inspectional Services for August 2020 - \$1840.69; Sutton Board of Health for August COVID-19 services - \$1200.00; Postage - \$110.00; MA Assoc. of Health Boards annual membership - \$150.00. Mr. Barrell reports that he and Nancy Lucier worked to apply for further funding from the CARES Act to cover costs related to COVID-19, primarily Public Health Nurse costs for managing and contact tracing cases in West Boylston.

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Motion to Approve Mr. Dillon
Motion Seconded Ms. Salate
Result Approved

- Office report

Title 5 project updates:

385 Lancaster – no update; owner informed DSCP expires in February 2021.

290 Goodale – system replacement work started, with different Installer – Slims & Berthiaume Sewer.

73 Prescott Street – Completed, CoC and as-built received.

58 Keyes Street – Septic system for new home; David Edilberti granted permit to install, no update

136 Fairbanks Street – Pumping slip indicated cess pool not working properly, file showed system failed T-5 inspection in 2002, drawings done for replacement, but work never done. Letter sent; owner called. Bob to follow up. No update.

242 Fairbanks Street – Owner called, Septage Hauler reported system failure, a licensed T-5 inspector informally confirmed failure. Owner inquiring about Septic Betterment program, which we are looking into.

320 Goodale Street – Second Soil test application (different location on property) received for design of replacement system by David Ross Assoc.

335 Lancaster Street – D-box replacement completed, CoC received.

34 Brooks Crossing – DSCP received for D-box replacement; Mr. Leger inspected.

126 Laurel Street – DSCP received for D-box and outlet baffle replacement.

Title 5 Inspections – 227 Fairbanks Street – passed; 34 Brooks Crossing – conditional pass; 321,323,325 & 327 Shrewsbury Street – all passed.

Other Miscellaneous:

45 & 49 Central Street – not yet connected to sewer.

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22 Evergreen Street – Ms. Edmands to follow up periodically; no recent complaints.

Permit/Fees: 2020 – Slims & Berthiaume Sewer Service, Inc. – DWI and Septage Hauler permits; JPC Excavation & Septic Service – DWI permit; West Boylston Pizza – 2020 Permit by new owner.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Originator Dr. Sullivan
Motion Seconded Ms. Salate
Result Approved unanimously
Time of Adjournment 6:36 pm

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Signatures

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

Michaun Fowler, BSM

John Sullivan, MD

Thomas Dillon

Submitted by: **Margaret Lee**
Date Submitted: **10-14-2020**

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