



The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting	08-17-2020 / 6:00pm / via remote ZOOM conference
Members Present	Robert Barrell, Thomas Dillon, John Sullivan, Beverly Salate, Michaun Fowler (joined at 6:20pm)
Members Not Present	
Guests	Phil Leger, CMRPHA; Chris Rucho – Zoom host
Welcome – Call to Order	Time: 6:01 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. (Ms. Fowler was not present at the roll call).
Approval of Previous Minutes	July 27, 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	Mr. Dillon
Result	Approved 4-0

- Tobacco Regulations update**

Joshua Niroula informed the Board via e-mail that the MGL Ch 270 has a slightly different definition than was used in the preliminary draft regulations and does not include the requirement that Adult-Only Tobacco Retail stores not have a Lottery license. The Board reviewed the differences in the definitions and agreed that the one in MGL Ch 270 is better suited to the Town’s needs at this time and will be adopted. The Board agreed to approve the Regulations in order to bring them in line with the new Commonwealth laws. Mr. Barrell asked that a public hearing be scheduled for the next Board of Health meeting; likely will be held virtually via Zoom. The updated draft regulations will be posted on the Board’s web page.

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Motion Seconded	Mr. Dillon
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- COVID-19 Update**

Mr. Barrell reported that the slight uptick in positive COVID-19 cases reported in July, were primarily residents who lived at the same address, e.g. four cases at one home and three at another. He plans to invite our Public Health Nurse, Cheryl Rawinski, to attend our next meeting to provide more information. Dr. Sullivan asked Ms. Salate to describe what is involved in contract tracing. She is a supervisor at the VNA and reports they do their own contract tracing, as they believe it is more accurate. The

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Public Health nurse for West Boylston also does her own contract tracing. Ms. Salate described it as “very time consuming”, with initial interviewing of the positive case to determine people and places where the virus may have been transmitted, then contacting all possible contacts to advise them, and also following up with the person who had a positive test. She indicated it is working well for the VNA.

Mr. Barrell reported that he and Dr. Sullivan met with the new Superintendent of Schools, Richard Meagher. Dr. Sullivan said he believes they have a good plan for school re-opening and indicated any positive COVID-19 case in the school would trigger a meeting of the COVID-19 Team consisting of the Superintendent, the School nurses, and a member of the Board of Health. The COVID-19 Team will decide on a case by case basis next steps to be taken to keep the students and staff safe. Mr. Barrell reported that he had signs made up and posted at the Town’s recreational fields reminding people to use masks and social distancing. He thanked Mr. Leger and Ms. Lee for fielding complaints/reports of non-compliance with mandates. Some needed to be referred to Department of Labor Standards. Mr. Barrell said he has been forwarding all to Board members so they are aware of the issues arising in Town.

- **Public Health Emergency Plan (PHEP)**

Mr. Barrell reported that the PHEP trailer was inventoried and a list of needed equipment (primarily PPE) was sent to Katrina Stanziano but we have not heard back on the status of our request. Mr. Leger said he will follow up to see if this was voted on. Regarding Emergency Dispensing Site operation for potential mass vaccination, Dr. Sullivan said he reviewed the four-page follow-up document completed after our last EDS drill at the Senior Center and stated it reported what was done at the drill but does not include a step-by-step plan for an actual mass immunization event. He recommends we develop a specific plan. Mr. Leger suggested he review additional PHEP/EDS documents that may include more specific information. Mr. Barrell said he will get those documents to Dr. Sullivan who said he would be happy to review them. Mr. Barrell said he will also contact Ms. Stanziano for consultation in developing or revising a specific plan, once other existing information is reviewed.

- **Non-commercial Farm Animal Regs**

Mr. Barrell hopes that the upcoming workshop on Enforcement, provided by Town Counsel in September, will provide answers to the questions raised by the Agricultural Commission. He asked Ms. Lee to make sure to forward the workshop information to the Agricultural Commission.

- **CMRPHA Local Report**

Ms. Edmands’ report covers period since the last Board Meeting on 07-27-2020. She completed four inspections, including Wachusett Estates pool, and a new Microblading Salon, Lubella Brow and Beauty Salon. She followed up on two complaints related to COVID-19 concerns, one related to a grease trap overflow, and one housing issue.

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- **CMRPHA Regional Report**

CMRPHA report update for July/August was sent by the Alliance and will be posted. Mr. Leger reported a second human case of EEE in Hamden County and the first WNV case in MA. He notes that Worcester County is still in the clear. The Central Mass Mosquito Control Project website, <https://www.cmmcp.org/> has a lot of information and the Commonwealth updates the report every Monday at <https://www.mass.gov/mosquitoes-and-ticks>. Other news is that CDC Foundation Grant funding was received to add staff for assistance in dealing with COVID-19 response.

- **Bill approval, Financial report**

The Revolving Fund Balance is \$24,392.69. Mr. Barrell signed invoices submitted since the last meeting: IMA invoice for Worcester Inspectional Services for July 2020 - \$1840.69; Sutton Board of Health for July COVID-19 services - \$6,000.00. The CARES act funding for COVID-19 related costs has been exhausted and additional funding is being requested.

Motion to Approve
Motion Seconded
Result

Dr. Sullivan
Mr. Dillon
Approved unanimously

- **Office report**

Title 5 project updates:

385 Lancaster – no update; owner ordered by Building Dept. to clean up debris.

290 Goodale – no update; DSCP & plans approved, Webb Construction, proposed installer needs permit.

73 Prescott Street – Gregg Aubin of Sterling permitted for installing replacement system, starting soon.

58 Keyes Street – Septic plans are for new home (note correction); David Edilberti granted permit to install.

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 – Soil test results received for design of replacement system by David Ross Assoc.

60 Prescott Street – D-box replaced 07/25/2020; CoC completed.

335 Lancaster Street – DSCP received for D-box replacement by Favreau Septic.

Title 5 Inspections – 67 Malden Street – passed; 335 Lancaster Street – conditional pass.

Other Miscellaneous:

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

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22 Evergreen Street – Ms. Edmands is working with the owner to reduce fly and odor problem; will be checking in monthly.

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Owner agreed not to add any more fowl and was informed about upcoming regulations that may require she reduce her flock.

Permit/Fees: 2020 Permits – Gregory Boggs, new Body Artist at The Heritage Rose; Lubella Brow & Beauty Parlor (microblading salon); Isabella Ricci, Body Artist at Lubella; Krysta Lopez-Acevedo, Piercing Apprentice at ZAZA Ink; Favreau Septic Service, David Edilberti, and Gregg Aubin – Disposal Works Installers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Originator	Mr. Dillon
Motion Seconded	Ms. Salate
Result	Approved unanimously
Time of Adjournment	7:02 pm

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: **09-14-2020**

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