



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

## The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

<b>Date / Time / Location of Meeting</b>	<b>05-19-2021 / 6:00pm</b>
<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Robert Barrell, John Sullivan, Tracy Gagnon</b>
<b>Members Not Present</b>	<b>Beverly Salate, Michaun Fowler</b>
<b>Guests</b>	<b>Danielle Edmands (CMRPHA); Terry Heinold (Ground Control)</b>
<b>Welcome – Call to Order</b>	<b>Time: 6:05 pm - The meeting was held at the West Boylston Senior Center.</b>
<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	<b>April 22, 2021 meeting minutes, noted by present members to have been reviewed and approved via email and, were signed by those present who attended that meeting. Those Board members present also signed all minutes from the past year when they were in attendance. Those absent will be asked to sign at the next meeting.</b>
<b>Motion to Approve</b>	<b>Ms. Gagnon</b>
<b>Motion Seconded</b>	<b>Dr. Sullivan</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Approved unanimously</b>

- Backyard Farm Animal Regulations**

Ms. Lee reported that the updated regulations have been submitted for review by the Town Counsel; no response as yet.

- COVID-19**

Dr. Sullivan reported that 90% of West Boylston seniors 65 years old and above, are fully vaccinated. He reported that the percentage of other adults vaccinated is also very good. Mr. Barrell noted that Dr. Sullivan gave an excellent report at the recent Town Meeting.

Mr. Barrell reported that he spoke with Cindy Driscoll from the Housing Authority who requested approval to discontinue safety restrictions at 87 Maple Street put in place for COVID-19; Mr. Barrell agreed they can be terminated as of 05-29-2021 and asked the Board to approve.

**Motion to Approve**  
**Motion Seconded**  
**Result**

**Ms. Gagnon**  
**Dr. Sullivan**  
**Approved unanimously**

- PHEP trailer**

Mr. Barrell is working with an inspector from Worcester to assess the Coalition's Public Health emergency trailer. They tested the brakes and the inspector accepted the recently completed inventory of the contents. The generator is scheduled to be tested soon with help from Chief Welsh.

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- **Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA)**

Mr. Barrell explained the current renewal contract is for one year as Worcester assesses the costs of services for member communities. He noted that the town of Leicester withdrew from the coalition due to the increase in costs, but later asked to rejoin after learning it will actually cost them more to fund the services themselves; their request to rejoin was declined. The town of Holden also opted to leave the coalition.

- **CMRPHA Regional Report**

CMRPHA report update was not received.

It was noted that MA will be improving credentialing requirements for inspectors in addition to regionalizing local Boards of Health.

- **CMRPHA Local Report**

Ms. Edmands' report covers the period since the last Board Meeting on 04-22-2021; she completed six routine inspections and all businesses were in compliance. She reported Ms. VanArsdalen responded to one complaint, a report of improper COVID-19 precautions at a business; at the time of the inspection the business was in compliance.

- **Bill approval, Financial report**

Ms. Lee reported that two bills were approved and paid – the IMA and Title V inspection services, both with Worcester. Both payments were approved by Bob Barrell, BoH chair. She noted the last COVID-19 invoice from Cheryl Rawinski was for January 2021.

The current balance for the BOH Revolving account is \$41,016.69, which includes the balance (approximately \$9,500) of the funding from Worcester to cover COVID-19 related costs.

- **Office report**

Ms. Lee reviewed the updates to the Office report; there are a number of new Title 5 projects. She asked if she should refer two addresses to Ms. VanArsdalen for follow-up due to delays in resolving failed septic systems; the Board agreed.

She reported that the 2017 Septic upgrade design for 58 Prescott St. has been re-stamped by the design engineer, and that the DSCP fee was paid in 2017 but no work was done because the house was sold. The Board indicated the paid amount may be applied toward the new owner's fee. Ms. Lee also reported that Bethlehem Bible Church submitted plans to the town for site upgrades and it appears they plan to pave over the existing septic system. The Board expressed concern about paving over the leach field (currently under gravel) and indicated the plans should be reviewed by Ms. VanArsdalen.

- **Other – Sterling Meadows Condos**

Mr. Heinold reported that he is working with the Condo association property manager at Sterling Meadows. They have been having some problems with one of the two septic systems for the complex and he looked into the possibility of them connecting to the Sewer system, however that option turned out to be too costly for owners, and the main sewer line would have to be extended to reach the complex, so they are planning to upgrade the existing septic systems, starting with the one

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that has been having some problems. The Board asked that he work with Julie VanArsdalen and Ms. Edmonds provided his contact info to her via text message, asking her to call him.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

<b>Motion Originator</b>	<b>Dr. Sullivan</b>
<b>Motion Seconded</b>	<b>Ms. Gagnon</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>Approved unanimously</b>
<b>Time of Adjournment</b>	<b>7:02 pm</b>

**Signatures**

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Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

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John Sullivan, MD

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Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

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Tracy Gagnon, MEd

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Michaun Fowler, BSM

**Submitted by:** **Margaret Lee**  
**Date Submitted:** **05-19-2021**

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