



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

The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting	09-29-2021 / 6:00pm
Members Present	Robert Barrell, John Sullivan, Tracy Gagnon, Beverly Salate
Members Not Present	Michaun Fowler
Guests	See attendance roster at the end of these minutes
Welcome – Call to Order	Time: 6:00 pm - The meeting was held via Zoom.
	Board member roll call was taken.
	Mr. Barrell noted that the Board of Health has an important role in the community to protect the safety of residents, and has no intention to be offensive to anyone. Decisions made by the Board are difficult, and the Town is lucky to have members of the medical profession on the Board.
Housekeeping	Mr. Barrell noted that he is leading this meeting. Guests were asked to use the Zoom message board to comment and ask questions.
Approval of Previous Minutes	September 8, 2021 meeting minutes, noted by present members to have been reviewed via email, were approved, and will be signed at the next in-person meeting.
09-08-2021 Minutes Motion to Approve	Ms. Gagnon
Motion Seconded	Dr. Sullivan
Result	All in favor via individual vote; approved unanimously.
Guest presenter - Katie Dennis	Ms. Dennis, a member of the Playground ADA compliance advisory committee, presented a slide including a poster and relevant references to guide businesses around ADA mask exemptions and requirements. Mr. Barrell thanked her and said this info will be posted on the Board of Health's webpage. He clarified that Ms. Dennis cannot act on behalf of issues relative to the Board of Health. N:\COVID-19\ADA mask info.pdf

- **COVID-19 Update**

Ms. Salate provided general information about Covid case numbers. There was discussion around the reports showing outbreaks at the Worcester Correctional Center, which were not counted when issuing the mask mandate for West Boylston residents. Dr. Sullivan addressed questions about when the mask mandate will end, stating that the Board will continue to monitor the active cases and noting that as of yesterday, there were 277 active cases in Worcester County, with UMass having 60 patients with approximately 20 in the ICU. He noted that at this time the Delta variant is rampant in Worcester County, and vaccination rates in West Boylston show overall vaccination rate

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of those eligible as 65%, leaving 35 % not vaccinated.

Guest Attendees questions and comments

Were submitted via typed comment, and responded to by Mr. Barrell when appropriate and those responses can be viewed during the taped meeting on the Town's WBPA website page: <https://west-boylston.vod.castus.tv/vod>

- **CMRPHA Reports (Local & Regional)**

Regional report was emailed to the Board members. Danielle Edmands, Regional Public Health Specialist, provided a summary of Local inspections completed since her last report.

- **Bill approval, Financial report**

Ms. Lee provided a brief summary noting usual invoices from Sutton Board of Health, Worcester for inspectional services, and postage were paid.

- **Office report**

Ms. Lee provided a summary of currently active Title 5 work, and noted that 45 & 49 Central Street owners were informed via certified mail that the buildings cannot be occupied until they are connected to Town Sewer.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Originator Dr. Sullivan

Motion Seconded Ms. Salate

Result All in favor via individual vote; approved unanimously

Time of Adjournment 6:55 pm

Signatures

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

John Sullivan, MD

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

Tracy Gagnon, MEd

Not in attendance

Michaun Fowler, BSM

Submitted by: Margaret Lee
Date Submitted: 10-13-2021 or next scheduled BoH meeting

17 Guest Attendees (not all were identifiable):

Chris Rucho	Kelly S
Nancy Lucier	Janice Ash
Richard Meagher	Jeff Valois
Jon Oliveri	Katarina
Katie Dennis	Alyssa Verner
Steve Feeley	Tom Cosgrove
Savvas Fotiadis	Pamela Frechette

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