



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

The Board of Health (BOH) Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting:	06-14-2023/ 6:00PM / Room 120 (Land Use Meeting Room)
Members Present	John Sullivan, Robert Barrell, Thomas Mullins, Christopher Whelan, Tracy Gagnon
Members NOT Present Invited Guests	N/A Soloe Dennis, Director of Public Health CMRPHA, Micah Blondeau, Environmental Health Coordinator, Cherry Tangri, Tobacco Enforcement Specialist
Welcome – Call to Order	Time: 6:00PM by Chair Dr. Sullivan
Approval of Previous Minutes	<p>Minutes for meeting 04-19-2023, were approved and re-signed by those present. Minutes for meeting 05-10-2023 were re-signed after the typo correction.</p> <p>On a motion by Mr. Mullins, seconded by Mr. Whelan, the Board voted to approve the minutes of 04/19/2023. On a motion by Mr. Barrell, second by Ms. Gagnon the Board voted to approve the minutes of 05/10/2023 (after typo was corrected).</p> <p>All in favor.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board of Health Re-Organization:	<p>Dr. Sullivan asks if there is any member who would like to be Chairman. Mr. Whelan makes a motion for Slate. Mr. Barrell seconds Dr. Sullivan for Chair, Tracy Gagnon for Vice Chair, and Chris Whelan for Clerk.</p> <p>All in favor.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Authorization of Signatures	<p>All board members signed the yearly authorization form of signatures.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tobacco Sale Violation	<p>184 Worcester St was in violation of the sale of tobacco to a minor. Mr. Barrell suggested a three-day suspension. Dr. Sullivan motioned the suspension. Mr. Barrell recommended the tobacco sale be suspended for three-days. Mr. Whelan seconds the three-day suspension. Dr. Sullivan motions to carry.</p>

- **Central MA Regional Health Alliance Update:**

Mr. Dennis stated that the drafted Intermunicipal Agreement had been submitted to the Town Administrator and is in the process of being reviewed by the Select Board. The draft IMA is a 5-year service that consists of specific health services that the Central Mass Regional Health Alliance (CMRHA) will provide the town. Dr. Sullivan requested to view the draft IMA as soon as able.

Micah Blondeau speaks upon Camp Woodhaven having been permitted and in good shape. All food inspections are up to date. Mr. Blondeau discusses the new hydration clinic in town. Mr. Blondeau is working on gathering information through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Board of Nursing regarding proper licensing and procedure.

- **Tobacco Smoke Regulation Draft**

The Executive Director and Senior Staff Attorney for the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, Cheryl Sbarra, stated that the town of West Boylston is the first municipality to see the newly created Tobacco Smoke Regulation draft.

While the Board discusses the drafted policies, Ms. Gagnon clarifies that the choosing 'Yes' means the policy in question will apply to the specific area of regulation.

Mr. Blondeau asks if the Tobacco Smoke Regulations will require a public hearing. Ms. Sbarra suggests a public hearing.

Dr. Sullivan makes it clear that the final document is what will be presented to the public during the hearing. The board continues through each listed area of new regulations mentioned in the draft and discuss.

Cherry Tangri mentions the previous administrative assistant inquired about cannabis smoking regulations. Ms. Sbarra states the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) has been working on organizing a regulation. Whereas right now, the state has prohibited the smoking of cannabis inside social consumption establishments, it is unclear how the regulation will read regarding cannabis smoking in the future.

If the CCC permits smoking inside social consumption establishments and the local by-laws of the town prohibit, the local regulation will survive. Dr. Sullivan states the town has already prohibited smoking bars. Ms. Sbarra states that a social consumption establishment is considered a different entity and that a solution may be to utilize the Severance Clause listed in the tobacco smoke regulation.

Dr Sullivan motions to keep the Severance Clause.

All in favor.

PHEP Updates:

Mr. Mullins informs the board that he attended two meetings for PHEP. West Boylston did not have any requests to bring to the meeting, but the town did get granted the 1,500 dollars. Mr. Mullins states there were very informative and wonderful presentations given during the meetings.

Office Report:

Ms. Prichard informs the board that there are 137 permits approved to date with none pending. 109 Laurel and 24 Winthrop St have both passed their title 5 inspections, 131 Hosmer has submitted a soil test application and as of June 14th, there was confirmation that the trailer repairs were completed on June 5th. The contractor will be submitting a final report regarding the completion of the project in the coming weeks.

On May 26th, 2023 our Town Administrator sent out a letter of termination to the Town of Sutton for their nursing services. The town of West Boylston will be utilizing Central Mass Health Alliance's Public Health Nursing Services being July 1st 2023. The notice of termination is effective on June 30th 2023.

Ms. Prichard states there are no bill approvals at this time.

Dr. Sullivan mentions with our nurse not being available after June 30th, he would hope that the Select Board would vote in favor of the IMA.

Next Proposed BOH Meeting Date:

Proposed to allow for the next meeting date to be in August 2023.

Motion to Approve: Dr. Sullivan

Second: Mr. Barrell

All in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Dr. Sullivan

Second: Mr. Whelan

All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:51PM

Signatures

John Sullivan, MD , Chair

Christopher Whelan, MEd

Tracy Gagnon, MEd, Vice Chair

Thomas F. Mullins, MD

Robert J. Barrell, MPA

Submitted by: Jessica Prichard
Date Submitted: 08-08-2023

