TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MA
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Main Meeting Room, Town Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

Board Members Present: Wayne Saltsman, MD, PhD, Chairman; Ed Weiner, PhD, Vice Chairman; Chair; Libby Walendziewicz, RN, MSN; David McSweeney

Not Present: Maribeth Welch

Staff Members Present: Susan Lumenello, REHS/RS, CHMM, Director of Public Health; Christine Mathis, Environmental Engineer; Marlene Johnson, R.S.; Health Agent; Roberta Gullage, R.N., Supervising Nurse

Open Meeting/Pledge of Allegiance
The Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 7:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen's Time: No one spoke.

Chairman's Report: None.

Applications

- Application for a Comprehensive Permit under M.G.L. Chapter 40 B, Sections 20 through 23-
Burlington Centre, Twenty Corporate Owner LLC

Present was Attorney Bob Buckley, Riemer & Braunstein with Chris Chandor, Sr. Vice President, Davis Companies and Nate Cheal, Tetra Tech seeking approval of an application for a Friendly 40B Comprehensive Permit. Attorney Buckley said the application is pending before the Zoning Board of Appeals which is part of the permit process, and departments are invited to comment.

Mr. Cheal said new drainage is being proposed within the site. The entire building roof will drain to an infiltration system at the front entrance and will overflow to the drainage system that serves the entire park. The system is complete with Stormceptors for sediment removal.

Dr. Weiner asked if there would be vapor barriers in the building. Mr. Cheal said this decision has not been finalized, but it will probably not be necessary because the underground garage will be ventilated. The LSP will provide more information as they go forward.

Mr. Chandor agreed with Dr. Weiner's request to repair the breach in the fence in the ravine area as soon as possible.

Motion: Dr. Weiner moved to approve the Application for a Comprehensive Permit for Burlington Centre, Twenty Corporate Drive. Seconded by Mr. McSweeney and approved. (4-0-0)

Attorney Buckley thanked the staff and the BOH for their cooperation on this project.
The Chairman recommended changing the order of the agenda.

**Motion:** Ms. Walendziewicz moved to change the order of the agenda and to next discuss the restricting of private irrigation and drinking water wells during drought conditions. Seconded by Mr. McSweeney and approved. (4-0-0)

**Discussion**
- **Restricting Private Irrigation and Drinking Water Wells During Drought Conditions**
  John Sanchez, DPW Director was present. Also present was Robert Jones, American Artesian Well Company.

Dr. Saltsman explained that a BOH regulation is being considered because the effect irrigation is having on the town's water supply during the recent drought condition has created a potential health hazard.

Ms. Lumenello said she has been in touch with Mr. Sanchez as well as members of the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force. She was informed that a study was done which concluded that pumping from bedrock irrigation wells was having a detrimental effect on the entire aquifer system. Mr. Sanchez agreed stating that the irrigation wells are straining the town's systems.

Mr. Sanchez described how on-going corrections to Infiltration/Inflow have decreased the demand for water. However during the summer months, the large number of irrigation systems drawing water from the same source are lowering the Town's ability to meet demand.

Mass General Laws allow water emergency regulations to be created to promote public health, and "Restricting Private Irrigation and Drinking Water Wells During Drought Conditions," was drafted in accordance with those laws. General Laws. Town Counsel has reviewed the regulation and made recommendations. This is being done in an effort to ensure enough water for emergencies. These regulations would also affect deep bedrock wells.

Mr. Jones said he operates a ground water development company well business and has been in the well drilling business for over fifty years. He is proposing to build domestic wells in bedrock which he states will not adversely effect the town's water supply.

The BOH agreed that further investigation is warranted and recommended the two well irrigation agenda items be postponed. Mr. Jones and the proponents agreed. Mr. Jones said he would supply information. Dr. Weiner asked Ms. Lumenello to contact the Town Administrator to ask if members of the Board of Selectmen could be invited to attend an upcoming meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to postpone the request for a permit for an irrigation well at 12 Julia Connors Drive until additional expert information was received. Seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and approved (4-0-0).

**MOTION:** Ms. Walendziewicz moved to postpone the request for a permit for an irrigation well at 9 Douglas Avenue until additional expert information was received. Seconded by Mr. McSweeney and approved (4-0-0).

**Permits**
- **Irrigation Well, 12 Julia Connors Drive**
  Postponed. (See above.)
● Irrigation Well, 9 Douglas Avenue
Postponed. (See above.)

● 2016 Lahey Community Health Needs Assessment
Present from Lahey were Christine Healy, Director, Community Relations and Michelle Snyder, Community Relations Regional Manager to present a 2016 Lahey Hospital & Medical Center Community Health Needs Assessment which outlined Lahey’s community benefits service areas, key health related findings, priority target populations, a summary of their community health improvement plan, characterizing population and community needs, unstable housing and homelessness, insurance coverage, cancer and other statistics, elder health, behavioral health goals, and mental health.

The members agreed it was an outstanding report and thanked all who assisted in compiling the information and recommended it be put on the website.

Staff Reports

• Environmental Engineer

Ms. Mathis said she was invited to give a presentation to Product Stewardship Institute and Boston Society of Architects on Managing Fluorescent Lamps Safety and Legally.

Dr. Weiner asked about the former Jerguson Gage and Valve Facility. Ms. Mathis said that natural attenuation is occurring at this site.

Motion: Mr. McSweeney moved to accept the Environmental Engineer's report as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and approved. (4-0-0)

• Health Agent

Ms. Johnson reported that she visited Burlington Shell the day the ban to sell tobacco products was lifted. She was pleased to report that they have installed scanning devises at all three Burlington locations. In order for the sale to take place, the scanners require certain information from a driver's license. Staff is being trained to request and scan identification.

The consultant has one more month at the Big Easy Grill. The owners will be coming back before the BOH in March.

Motion: Mr. McSweeney moved to accept the Health Agent's report as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and approved. (4-0-0)

• Supervisory Nurse

Ms. Gullage accepted an invitation to participate at a health fair at Heritage at Stone Ridge on January 26, 2017. She and MRC members will be present to administer the flu vaccine as well as blood pressure screening.

The DPH's report indicates a slight increase in flu. She said there are still vaccines available.

The importance of hand washing to avoid spreading germs was stressed.
Bladder cancer testing for firefighters will take place again this year.

There are two Prevnar vaccines still available.

**Motion:** Ms. Walendziewicz moved to accept the Supervisory Nurse's report as submitted. Seconded by Mr. McSweeney and approved. (4-0-0)

**Director of Public Health**

Ms. Lumenello said Cafe Escadrille has provided a plan indicating the storage locations Protein Matrix material. Also provided was an exterior site plan showing the location of the grease interceptor and sewer lines along with pictures of the two installed systems and a safety training outline. The first inspection will take place in February.

Be Prepared Episodes 9 and 10 will be on poison prevention and food safety. Ms. Johnson was thanked for her assistance.

Members from Reach Beyond Domestic Violence will be at a meeting on January 11 at the COA.

The grant for an intern for 50 hours from Applied to Massachusetts Health Officers Association was approved.

The Sun Safety program is underway and Ms. Gullage is working on a poster. Recreation is preparing the grant for the sunscreen dispensers for the parks.

**Motion:** Dr. Weiner moved to accept the Director of Public Health's Report as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and approved. (4-0-0)

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. (4-0-0)

Submitted by,

Betty McDonough
Recording Clerk