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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

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

Dr. Saltsman called the Board of Health (BOH) meeting to order at 7:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:
November 22, 2016: Motion: Ms. Walendziewicz moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2016 as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Welch and approved. (5-0-0)

December 13, 2016: Motion: Ms. Welch moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2016 as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and approved. (4-0-0 with Mr. McSweeney abstaining)

January 10, 2017: These minutes were postponed as the December 13, 2016 minutes were posted in their place.

Citizen's Time: No one spoke.

Chairman's Report: None.

Subcommitte Reports: None.

Variance Request
- Blaze Pizza, 91 Middlesex Tpk. - external grease interceptor

Present was Matt Giroux, Chief Development Officer, seeking BOH approval for a variance from the BOH's Grease Interceptor Requirements for Food Service Establishments in order to operate without installing an external grease interceptor following standard conditions which explained reasons for revocation, modification or suspension. Mr. Giroux said he would follow procedures which includes keeping a log of maintenance. The BOH was satisfied with the request.

Motion: Ms. Walendziewicz moved to approve the request for a variance from the BOH's Grease Interceptor Requirements for Food Service Establishments. Seconded by Mr. McSweeney and approved. (5-0-0)
Permits

*5 Hemlock Lane, Irrigation Well Permit*
Property owners William and Judith MacDonald were present seeking BOH approval for a permit for a well installation at this address for irrigation. Also present was well driller Derek Skillings of Skillings & Sons, Inc. Ms. Mathis said there continues to be a concern with irrigation pumping during drought conditions as fully explained by the Director of Public Works, John Sanchez. The other concern was that 5 Hemlock Lane is downgradient from 11 Hemlock Lane where an oil release occurred in 2015.

Remediation with in-situ chemical oxidation additives is expected to be taking place over several years accompanied by groundwater monitoring. The BOH in the past has considered having a hydrologist to offer an opinion on potential effects, but based on the contamination issue Ms. Mathis recommended that the BOH not issue an irrigation well permit for this address.

Dr. Weiner described to the applicants the incredible amount of water pulled for irrigation and the potential for it to draw down contamination to their property. He agreed that it was not wise to approve this request. Dr. Saltsman explained that due diligence had been done by the BOH with state agencies which indicates that drilling into bedrock could have an effect on the aquifer.

Mr. Skillings said he had heard of the concerns of the drought, explained the fracture of bedrock technique, and stated it would be hard to prove how much effect it would have on the water supply. With regard to the contamination issue, Dr. Saltsman recommended a report from a hydro-geologist be submitted. The homeowner said that is not a consideration at this time.

Dr. Weiner asked for comment from the staff. Ms. Lumenello recommended the BOH not approve the request without an environmentalist to render an opinion on whether pumping could potentially create movement of contaminated water from 11 Hemlock to other properties. Dr. Weiner explained that remediation takes many years and recommended the applicant consider the risk of exacerbating the contamination. The applicant did not wish to withdraw the application, and after further discussions, the BOH agreed to take a vote.

**Motion:** Ms. Walendziewicz moved to deny the application for a permit for the installation of an irrigation well at 5 Hemlock Lane. Seconded by Dr. Weiner and the motion to deny passed. (5-0-0)

Permits

*55 Network Drive, Shire, rDNA Permit*
Ms. Walendziewicz recused herself as her son-in-law works for Shire. Present from Shire were Sean Metras, Biosafety Officer and Niksa Krastrapeli, Sr. Scientist. Ms. Mathis said they were here for Shire's (formerly Dyax) annual rDNA permit renewal and to give a presentation about Shire of Burlington.

The guests described the lab stating there are seven lab workers engaged in research and development. They described:

- programs:
- Institutional Biosafety Committee;
- medical surveillance,
- pest control,
BOH inspections, and
incidents.

Dr. Weiner asked if this application is the same as last year, and they said it was. Ms. Mathis said she had no concerns.

**Motion:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the rDNA Permit for Shire 55 Network Drive. Seconded by Ms. Welch and approved. (4-0-0)

Ms. Walendziewicz returned to the meeting.

**Discussion**

- **FY 2018 Board of Health Budget**

Ms. Lumenello reviewed the BOH's budget for FY2018. Some of the items described were the 3.75% increase for operating accounts, and the overall budget percent increase being requested is 4.5%. She explained the budget for clinics and household hazardous waste collections. The main drivers of the budget is the addition of the position of Associate Health Inspector and elimination of Contracted Inspectors. Increases include 4.336% in total salaries and decrease in expenses due to decrease in contracted services and 8.82% decrease in Special Accounts due to the elimination of clinics and decrease in household hazardous waste.

- **Board of Health Annual Report**

The department's annual report is ready for submission to the Town Administrator's office. It describes the highlights of 2016 and includes goals and statistics.

**Staff Reports**

- **Environmental Engineer's Report**

The Superintendent of Schools said they have a contractor who will be reaching out to whomever did the original design of the rain gardens at the Memorial School property. Dr. Weiner and Dr. Saltsman asked that they be kept up to date on repair and improvements.

**Motion:** Dr. Weiner moved to accept the Environmental Engineer's report as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and approved. (5-0-0)

- **Health Agent's Report**

Ms. Johnson said there were many re-inspections but none were egregious.

**Roche Bros.:** A customer asked an employee to take food temperatures of fried chicken on customer self-service hot holding unit and the fried chicken was out of temperature control. Ms. Johnson followed up and also found food out of temperature control because some of the elements were not working. The violation was cited and ordered to be corrected.

**Motion:** Ms. Walendziewicz moved to accept the Health Agent's report as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Welch and approved. (5-0-0)
• Nurse's Report
Ms. Gullage said it is peak norovirus season. A letter was received from the Mass Public Health to all the local boards. She said she sent the information to all the schools and day care centers. It is not too late to get the flu vaccine. As discussed at the last BOH meeting, the norovirus Fact Sheet has been included on the department's website along with a hand washing video.

The recent bladder cancer screening was well received with 46 out of 57 participating. The hours and days for blood pressure screening at the library have been adjusted to coincide with certain programs at the library.

Dr. Weiner asked about the increase in the number of vaccines for children. Ms. Gullage said there were more this year than last year.

Motion: Dr. Weiner moved to approve the Nurse's Report as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and approved. (5-0-0)

• Director of Public Health’s Report
Ms. Lumenello said she and the Health Inspector conducted inspections on the internal and external grease interceptor and two of the manholes at the Cafe Escadrille and there were no backups following their use of Protein Matrix for three months. She reviewed the manual with the employees. Another inspection will take place in the spring.

Ms. Lumenello said she applied and was approved for a grant from NACCHO to attend the MRC leadership summit and the public health emergency preparedness summit in April in Atlanta. She will gain an understanding of what other leaders are doing throughout the country.

Ms. Welch asked if lead testing is scheduled to take place in the schools. Ms. Lumenello said she and the Environmental Engineer met with Dr. Conti and Mr. Robinson regarding the last testing poor results, and they are looking at a long-term solution using infiltration systems.

Motion: Ms. Walendziewicz moved to accept the Director of Public Health's report as submitted. Seconded by Mr. McSweeney and approved. (5-0-0)

Adjourn

Motion: Mr. McSweeney moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Dr. Weiner and approved. (5-0-0)

Submitted by,

[Signature]
Betty McDonough
Recording Clerk