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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

Board Members Present: Wayne Saltsman, MD, PhD; Ed Weiner, PhD, Vice Chairman; Maribeth Welch

Board Members Not Present: David McSweeney; Libby Walendziewicz, RN, MSN;

Staff Members Present: Susan Lumenello, REHS/RS, CHMM, Director of Public Health; Christine Mathis, Environmental Engineer; Marlene Johnson, RS, Health Agent; Samantha Hardy, Associate Health Inspector

Dr. Wayne Saltsman called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

● November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting
Approval of minutes was postponed.

Citizen's Time: No one spoke.

Chairman's Report: None.

Subcommittee Reports:

I. Hearings

● Adoption of Burlington Board of Health Minimum Standards for the Keeping of Animals
Ms. Lumenello conducted a brief presentation on proposed regulations for the keeping of animals. The current regulations allows for the keeping of a certain number of animals based on the type of animal and does not require a permit for 3 or less chickens. The proposed regulations require a permit for the keeping of any number of animals as defined by the regulations. In addition, the current regulations have certain setback limits from property lines and structures used for human habitation. The proposed regulations have setbacks on property lines according to the Town’s zoning regulations and animals must be housed in free standing structures. The proposed regulations refer to “Best Management Practices” according to the MA Department of Agriculture.

On January 23, 2019, the Board of Health Subcommittee met to discuss the proposed regulations on the keeping of animals. Dr. Weiner asked about the keeping of snakes. Ms. Lumenello stated that snakes would be exempt from the regulations either because they are a household pet or because they are a wild animal.

**Motion:** Dr. Weiner moved to adopt the Keeping of Animals Regulations. Seconded by Ms. Welch and approved. (3-0-0)

- **Rescind Regulations Concerning the Keeping of Certain Domesticated Animals and Fowl in Residential Areas of the Town of Burlington and Concerning the Use of Certain Animal Products**

**Motion:** Ms. Welch moved to Rescind Regulations Concerning the Keeping of Certain Domesticated Animals and Fowl in Residential Areas of the Town of Burlington and Concerning the Use of Certain Animal Products. Seconded by Dr. Weiner and approved (3-0-0)

**II. Staff Reports**

- **Environmental Engineer**

Dr. Saltsman asked about the status of the environmental clean up at the former MA/COM
site. Ms. Mathis stated that remedial actions have been conducted however, contamination is deep underground and it can take decades before contamination has been removed.

Dr. Saltsman also asked about the vegetation management plan along the power lines and it’s relation to private drinking water wells. Ms. Mathis stated that Eversource manages vegetation along the transmission lines. No drinking water wells are in close proximity to the transmission or gas lines.

Ms. Mathis stated that there was an oil leak on James Street which leaked into the basement of the residence which further leaked into the environment. Sampling has been completed but the results are not yet available.

Household Hazardous will be hosted on April 13, 2019 at Francis Wyman Elementary School.

**Motion:** Dr. Weiner moved to approve the Environmental Engineer’s report. Seconded by Ms. Welch and approved. (3-0-0)

• **Health Agent**

Ms. Johnson stated there Food code regulations have been updated. One update includes a requirement that a vomit & diarrhea procedure and clean up kit be available.

Mobile food truck inspections will be conducted in March, 2019.

**Motion:** Dr. Weiner moved to approve the Health Agent’s report. Seconded by Ms. Welch and approved. (3-0-0)

• **Associate of Health Inspector**
Ms. Hardy is working in shelter planning, including translation services. Dr. Saltsman spoke about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) which impairs memory, thought processes, and functioning, primarily among older adults. He suggested that the Board of Health look into a procedure for assisting those with ADRD during emergency situations.

**Motion:** Ms. Welch moved to approve the Associate Health Inspector’s report. Seconded by Dr. Weiner and approved. (3-0-0)

- **Director of Public Health**

Ms. Lumenello discussed how the Board of Health utilized Ms. Hardy’s translation plan when during the vaccination of a child whose family needed translation services.

The annual MRC meeting will be held March 13. Chris Paulik will be presenting a community preparedness training which will be recorded by BCAT. Ms. Lumenello discussed how BOH staff members will be preparing monthly news articles that will be published in the MRC Newsletter, in the local newspaper, and on social media.

The Board of Health has received a favorable recommendation from Ways and Means on the budget. The BOH budget subcommittee will be attending a Capital Budget meeting tonight and BOH will attend Ways and Means to discuss the warrant article in April.

**Motion:** Dr. Weiner moved to approve the Director of Public Health’s report. Seconded by Ms. Welch and approved. (3-0-0)

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** Dr. Ed Wiener moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Seconded by Ms. Welch and approved. (3-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,
BURLINGTON, MA BOARD OF HEALTH

Agenda:
Minutes:
● November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting
Subcommittee Reports:
● Proposed Board of Health Animal Regulations
● Board of Health Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
● Burlington Board of Health Minimum Standards for the Keeping of Animals
● BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS
● Newspaper Article - Legal Notice
Staff Reports
● Environmental Engineer - March 12, 2019
● Health Agent - March 12, 2019
● Associate Health Inspector - February 28, 2019
● Director of Public Health - March 12, 2019