Board Members Present: Dr. Wayne Saltsman, Ph.D., Chairman; Ed Weiner, PhD, Vice Chairman; David McSweeney; Maribeth Welch
Not Present: Libby Walendziewicz, RN, MSN
Staff Members Present: Susan Lumenello, REHS/RS, CHMM, Director of Public Health; Christine Mathis, Environmental Engineer; Christine Paulik, RN, Supervising Nurse; Samantha Hardy, Associate Health Inspector

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

Approval of Minutes – None

Citizen's Time: No one spoke

Chairman's Report: None

Subcommittee Reports: None

I. Discussion

• **29 Phillip Avenue, Kennel License Recommendation**
Maureen and Chuck Walsh, owners of 29 Phillip Avenue, were present to request a recommendation on a kennel license permit. Samantha Hardy, Associate Health Inspector, conducted an inspection of the property on March 12, 2019. The property owners have four small dogs. The Associate Health Inspector recommends that the Board provide a favorable recommendation on the kennel license.
Motion: Dr. Ed Weiner moved to approve a favorable recommendation for a kennel license. Seconded by Maribeth Welch and approved. (4-0-0)

- **Community Preservation Act**
  Larry Cohen, Conservation Commission, Bill Boivon, Conservation Commission Vice Chairman and Jennifer O'Riorden, Conservation Commission Member were present to ask for a vote of support from the Board of Health to place the Community Preservation Act (CPA) on the election ballot. The Community Preservation Act is a state program that allows communities to collect a certain amount of funds from the real estate taxes and reserve those funds for the following four areas: affordable housing, historic preservation, open space & passive recreation, and active recreation. These areas very often don’t get funded because they are lower priorities. The state provides a certain percentage of matching funds. Currently, the yearly match amount ranges between 15-20% depending on how much the town collects independent of whether or not a project is done that year. The voters can agree to place a surcharge of 1-3%. Towns need to put 10$ for open space and active & passive recreation, 10% for historic preservation, and 10% for affordable housing. The remaining 70% can be spent however the Town chooses. The CPA statute gives the Town the ability to exempt some people from having to pay, for example, for lower income residents. State representatives and legislatures have been in support of increasing the matched amount from the state. If the CPA is approved by the voters, the Town would be required to form a Committee consisting of representatives from Planning, Conservation, Recreation, Housing, the Historical Commission. In addition, the Board of Selectmen can appoint up to four more representatives. Each year, the Committee would evaluate proposed projects that can be proposed by anyone. The Committee recommends projects which are voted on at Town Meeting. Bill Boivin described several projects that could have been paid for by the CPA if it had been in place at the time, such as the Grandview Farm Project, Francis Wyman House, and several walking trails. Mr. Boivin stated that the projects supported by the CPA affect the overall health and well-being of the community. In addition, if this was passed, there would be more funds available in the town budget for other initiatives. The next step is to form a “Vote Yes for CPA in Burlington Ballot Question Committee”, a citizen led group. Mr. Cohen invited BOH members to be on the email list of the committee, not as the Board of Health, but as interested citizens.
Dr. Weiner stated that he was unsure as to how the CPA involves the Board of Health. Dr. Saltsman encouraged citizens to read the CPA. Dr. Saltsman described the mandates of the Board Health and felt that the CPA fell under the purview entities such as the Historical Commission and Conservation Commission rather than the Board of Health. David McSweeney thanked the Conservation Commission for their presentation and felt that, as a citizen, it was an interesting program. However, because the program did not support public health and the Board of Health had no purview as to the direction of the funds, Mr. McSweeney felt that this was not something that the Board of Health should weigh in on at this time. Maribeth Welch stated she would be interested in learning more about the program, however agreed with other Board of Health members.

Mr. Cohen stated that the Conservation Commission felt that it was worthwhile to appear before the Board of Health because a lot of the projects, such as biking and walking trails, could have a positive impact on resident’s health. Mr. Boivin stated that he could not envision a project that would fall directly under the Board of Health, only indirectly.

II. Staff Reports

• *Environmental Engineer*
  Household Hazardous Waste collection is on April 13. The full outdoor water restriction is in effect which applies to people with private irrigation wells. The final report from the Northeastern bunkers has not been provided yet but a verbal update included a preliminary recommendation is that one of the bunkers be permanently closed and filled. Dr. Weiner asked if the bunkers were going to be assessed every few years. Dr. Weiner and Mr. McSweeney requested that Northeastern return to the Board of Health to provide an update on the bunkers. Ms. Lumenello suggested that, when they come to present to the Board, the question of future analysis should be discussed.

**Motion:** Dr. Weiner moved to approve the Environmental Engineer’s report. Seconded by David McSweeney and approved. (4-0-0)

• *Associate Health Inspector*
  The MRC twitter account is BVRC@Burlington_MRC. Ms. Hardy is working on an article
on the new animal regulations to describe what residents can expect when applying for a permit. The date of the Shelter Drill is Saturday, June 22 at 61 Center Street.

Motion: David McSweeney moved to accept the Associate Health Inspector’s report. Seconded by Maribeth Welch and approved. (4-0-0)

- **Supervisory Nurse**
  The Supervisory Nurse conducted a Community Preparedness presentation at the annual BVRC meeting. Thirty one animals attended the Rabies Clinic. The H3N2 flu strain is becoming more predominant and it’s not too late to get a flu shot. Blood pressure screenings are being conducted at the Council on Aging and the Library. ‘Until Help Arrives” will be on April 3 from 7-9 pm and train the trainer “Stop the Bleed” for MRC volunteers on April 11 and April 17. The Health Fair will be on May 18 and there are approximately 40 applications.

Motion: Dr. Weiner moved to approve the Supervisory Nurse’s report. Seconded by David McSweeney and approved. (4-0-0)

- **Director of Public Health**
  The BVRC Executive Committee presented revised bylaws at the BVRC Annual Meeting which were approved. The Executive Committee is responsible for proposing changes to the bylaws which then must be approved by 10% of the general membership. In addition, Carolyn Abruzzo and Jean Perry were re-elected to the Executive Committee and Mary DiChiara was elected as a new member of the Executive Committee. There will be an Active Bystander training in April. The animal regulations are now in effect and are posted on the website. Neil Pandit will be starting a high school internship in April and will be working on a presentation for the Health Fair. The DPW is still seeing grease on Ray Avenue. The BOH has just received the maintenance report for Bickfords. The dosing has not changed for Café Escadrille. The DPW has not changed its cleaning schedule and there have been no back up issues on Ray Avenue.

Motion: David McSweeney moved to approve the Director of Public Health’s report. Seconded by Maribeth Welch and approved. (4-0-0)
Adjourn

**Motion:** David McSweeney moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Seconded by Dr. Weiner and approved. (4-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Lumenello
Director of Public Health
Agenda
Discussion
Kennel License Recommendation, 29 Phillip Avenue: Background information prepared by SH; appearance letter to Maureen and Chuck Walsh from SH dated 3/12/19
Staff Reports: Environmental Engineer’s Report; Associate Health Inspector’s Report; Supervisory Nurse’s Report; Director of Public Health’s Report