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, RS, Health Agent; Sylvia Musoke, RN, Supervising Nurse.

Open Meeting/Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

- May 9th 2017 as submitted. Approved (5-0-0)
- May 23th 2017 as submitted. Approved (5-0-0)
- June 13th 2017 as submitted; Approved (4-0-1)

Citizen’s Time: No one spoke.

Chairman’s Report: None.

Subcommittee Reports: None.

Discussion:

- Radon Program and Other Intern Projects, Alana Barrett

The Chairman invited Alana Barrett (Summer intern) to introduce herself and to present her report on the Radon Education Program and other projects.

Alana Barrett, originally from Westford, is a student at UMass Amherst working on her Masters of Public Health. She got involved with the Burlington Board of Health through the State of MA DPH internship program. With direction from Christine Mathis, Environmental Engineer, Alana developed a Radon Education Program for the citizens of Burlington. As part of this program, she presented:

1. Letter to homeowners with drinking water wells
2. Poster
3. Brochures
4. Test kit recommendations
5. Information on mitigation strategies
In addition to the Radon Education Program, the intern also worked to identify businesses/companies that may need to register with the Board of Health under the Hazardous Material Bylaw.

The Board of Health complemented Alana on her significant work and commitment to improve the environmental health of the Town of Burlington and extended an invitation for her to come back in the near future.

**Staff Reports:**

1. **Environmental Engineer’s report:** Christine attended the closing meeting with MA DPH at which Alana gave her poster presentation on the Radon Education Program; in summary, it was an excellent presentation.

   Household hazardous waste collection event is on September 23rd at Francis Wyman Elementary School from 8:30 to noon.

   The Vice Chairman about whether or not a vapor barrier will be built at the Lifetime Fitness Building. The Environmental Engineer stated that a vapor barrier would be built.

   The Chairman asked a question about the former Dodge Dealership at 90 Middlesex Turnpike and what will happen if they were to find a new contaminant or a recurring contaminant at a high level. The environmental engineer responded that if this were to happen it would likely be a new disposal site and would require testing and characterization under the MCP.

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

2. **Health Agent’s report:** All mobile food truck permit renewals have been completed. There are five ice cream trucks, two canteen trucks, and five food trucks. Many food trucks from past years decided not to renew their permits.

   The health agent will be going to Life Time Athletics in Westwood on Thursday, August 24th for a tour of the facility which is similar to the one we will have in Burlington.

   The Chairman asked the Health Agent to clarify the difference between food poisoning and/or becoming ill with a virus. The Health Agent responded that some diseases have an incubation period of hours and even days, so not always the last place where a person consumes a meal is the origin of the sickness. Careful Investigation and questioning of the person who is reporting food poisoning is crucial. Dr. Saltsman asked the health agent to give the community a tip to prevent viral contamination and propagation and she responded: Wash your hands. The Chairman advised citizens to enjoy the more than 200 food establishments in the town and to please wash your hands.

   The Vice Chairman asked about the procedure to authorized a one day food service for an event in the town and the health agent referred to the guidelines in the BOH website about cooking for groups.

   **Motion:** Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the health agent’s report as submitted. Second it by David McSweeney. Approved (5-0)

   The Chairman asked Susan Lumenello to introduce the new Supervising Nurse to the board and the community.

   Susan introduced Sylvia Musoke. Sylvia said she has been living in Burlington for the last eight years. She moved into town for it’s reputation of being safe, having a great school system and because she had some previous work experience in Burlington as a nursing student at UMass Lowell.

3. **Supervising Nurse’s report:** The flu clinic will be held at the High School on October 28th. The flu clinic will be an Emergency Dispensing Site Drill.

   Blood pressure screening dates and schedules are available to the public on the BOH website. Screenings are held at the library and at the Council on Aging.

   The Chairman asked if we received all flu vaccine doses. The Director stated that the BOH has received 100 doses and are waiting for the remained of the doses to be ship.
**Motion:** Dr. Weiner moved to approve the Supervising Nurse’s report as submitted. Second by David McSweeney. Approved (5-0)

4. **Director’s report:**

BMEA approved the position of Associate Health Inspector and the position is currently posted.

Dr. Donald Craven and Dr. Alfred DeMaria will appear on “Be Prepared” in two parts. The shows will discuss the importance of vaccinations. The Chairman commented on the knowledge of Dr. Craven and Dr. DeMaria on infectious diseases and encouraged the public to watch the show. The Director noted that the show is available on the local cable access channel and youtube.

The Director is working with Libby Walendziewicz on hosting a nursing intern.

An inspection of the grease interceptors and manholes at Cafe Escadrille was conducted. There were no issues/problems during the inspection. A board member asked what involvement the director has with regards to the issue of AirBNB businesses. The Director responded that she provided guidelines from the MA Department of Public Health to the Selectmen’s office. These guidelines state that AirBNBs should be subject to local approvals.

The Vice Chairman asked about the work being conducted on the rain garden at the Memorial School. The Director responded that work has begun on one of the detention basins.

**Motion:** The Chairman moved to approved the Director’s report as submitted. Second by Maribeth Welch and approved (5-0)

**Adjourn:**

**Motion:** Dr. Wayne Saltsman moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Second by David McSweeney and approved (5-0)

Submitted by,

\[Signature\]

Sonia Borda

Sonia Borda

Recording Clerk