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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

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

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

Approval of Minutes:  July 23, 2019 and August 27, 2019

Dr. Weiner stated that they will postpone the vote of the July 23, 2019 minutes until the members present at that meeting are in attendance.

MOTION:  Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes of August 27, 2019 as submitted.  The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

Citizen's Time:  No one spoke.

Chairman's Report:

Dr. Weiner wished everyone a Happy Diwali and Happy Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah).

Subcommittee Reports:  There were no subcommittee reports.

Applications:

●  Application for Definitive Subdivision – 108 Muller Road

Dr. Weiner stated that we received a letter from the applicant requesting a continuance to our October meeting.

●  Application for Definitive Subdivision – 17 Sears Street

Attorney Thomas Murphy appeared for the definitive subdivision at 17 Sears Street.  Attorney Murphy stated that there was an existing lot with a single family home.  A variance was granted to split the lot into two lots. The existing house will remain and they are proposing a new single family on Lot #2. There will be 86’ of frontage and they are in agreement with the proposed conditions.
Dr. Weiner asked if there is a steep drop off at the 214-195 contour on Lot #2. Ms. Mathis stated that the 195’ is the lot dimension, not the contour.

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman made a motion to approve the application for the Definitive Subdivision for 17 Sears Street subject to the proposed conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

**Permits:**

- **213 Fox Hill Road, Keeping of Animals Permit - Chickens**

William Boivin appeared for a Keeping of Chickens permit.

Ms. Hardy stated that this application is for the keeping of 5 chickens. The coop meets the setbacks from the lot line. She would recommend approval.

Mr. Boivin stated that they have had the chickens for 6-7 years.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve keeping of 5 chickens at 213 Fox Hill Road. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

**Discussion:**

- **213 Fox Hill Road, Kennel License Recommendation**

William Boivin appeared for a kennel license recommendation. He is requesting a kennel license because he has 2 medium dogs and 2 small dogs.

Ms. Hardy stated that the site inspection was done and everything is perfect. She would recommend approval.

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman moved to provide a favorable recommendation for the issuance of a kennel license at 213 Fox Hill Road. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

- **Update of 2019-2020 Influenza Vaccine**

Ms. Lumenello provided statistics for how many flu shots we have given since 2014. Ms. Lumenello stated that we have purchased 600 doses of Fluzone and we have always taken more than 10 doses per vial but this year we will not overdraft, therefore, we will be short about 180 doses. She is concerned with the lack of vaccines available. Ms. Lumenello recommended purchasing an additional 200 doses of Afluria. We currently have 210 Fluzone in house and we are scheduled to get another 240 the week ending October 14th. We will use the Afluria doses first since reimbursement is allowed for 120 doses of the Fluzone if not used. Ms. Paulik stated last year we sent back 70 doses.

Dr. Saltsman stated that he is concerned with having the clinic so late. It should be before the end of October. Ms. Lumenello stated that the high dose vaccine clinics are scheduled for October 7th and October 21st and we also will be dispensing pediatric vaccinest. We could move up the annual flu clinic to October.
19th or October 26th. Ms. Lumenello stated that if we move it up, it’s possible we could run out of vaccines. Since we have a good inventory system for tracking doses available we would know when vaccine was running low. Ms. Lumenillo stated that they also have the option to cancel the additional 50 high dose vaccines if we don’t need them. Dr. Saltsman stated he is available on October 26th. Ms. Lumenello stated that she will check with the availability of the schools and staff. She will still vaccinate employees and first responders prior to the clinic.

Dr. Weiner stated that they could schedule multiple flu clinics if the vaccines are available.

Mr. McSweeney asked what the shelf life is on the vaccines. Ms. Lumenello stated that they will expire in June 2020.

Staff Reports

Environmental Engineer

Ms. Mathis presented her report:

- Thanked all volunteers for Household Hazardous Waste Day. They serviced 468 vehicles.
- Burlington is still a low risk for EEE and West Nile. Updated reports can be found on www.mosquitoresults.com. There have been no human or mammal cases of EEE. There were mosquitoes found in traps that tested positive for EEE and West Nile Virus.

Dr. Saltsman stated that people should still be cautious until there the frost hard frost. Residents should avoid being outside between dusk and dawn, wear long sleeves and pants, use DEET and remove standing water.

Dr. Weiner stated that Burlington has had helicopter spraying, catch basin treatment and truck mounted spraying for at least 30 years to try to prevent the spread of these diseases.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Environmental Engineer’s report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

Associate Health Inspector

Ms. Hardy presented her report:

- She has been working on pools, tobacco, camps, and kennels.
- She attended a forum on flavored and menthol tobacco products.

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Associate Health Inspector report. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

Supervisory Nurse

Ms. Paulik presented her report:
- They will be offering high dose and pediatric flu clinics in October.
- There will be two Northeastern nursing students starting tomorrow. They will be helping her.
- A presentation will be given on October 2nd and October 9th at 6:00 – 9:00 PM to all the volunteers on how to give flu shots to children.

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Supervisory Nurse’s report. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

**Director of Public Health**

Ms. Lumenello presented her report:

- The Governor has declared a public health emergency and the Public Health Council has voted to ban all vaping products effective today for 4 months. All products and displays must be removed. Letters will be sent out and inspections conducted.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Director of Public Health’s report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

Dr. Weiner provided copies of a memo from Town Counsel dated May 1, 1989 regarding Subdivision Control Law pertaining to the actions of the Board of Health.

Dr. Saltsman reminded residents to wash their hands.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 8:50 PM. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Cathcart,
Recording Clerk
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Agenda

Minutes: July 23, 2019 and August 27, 2019

Chairman’s Report: None

Subcommittee Reports: None

Applications:

Application for Definitive Subdivision – 108 Muller Road – Application

Application for Definitive Subdivision – 17 Sears Street – Memo from C. Mathis dated 9/19/19, Application, Plans dated 5/22/19, SMC Memo dated 8/22/19 including ZBA and Planning Board actions

Permits:

213 Fox Hill Road, Keeping of Animals – 5 Chickens: Memo from S. Hardy dated 9/24/19 w/attachments, Application

Discussion:

213 Fox Hill Road, Kennel License Recommendation: Memo

Update on 2019-2020 Influenza Vaccine: Report from S. Lumenello dated 9/24/19 w/2 attachments

Staff Reports: Environmental Engineer’s Report; Health Agent’s Report; Supervisory Nurse’s Report; Director of Public Health’s Report