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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Board Members Present: Ed Weiner, PhD, Chairman; David McSweeney, Vice Chairman; Dr. Wayne Saltsman, MD, PhD; 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 Marlene Johnson, Health Agent

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, September 24, 2019 and October 22, 2019

MOTION: Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes of July 23, 2019 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and unanimously approved. (3-0-2). Dr. Weiner and Ms. Welch abstained from voting.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes of September 24, 2019 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. (3-0-2). Ms. Walendziewicz and Ms. Welch abstained from voting.

MOTION: Ms. Welch moved to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes of October 22, 2019 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and unanimously approved. (4-0-1). Dr. Saltsman abstained from voting.

Citizen's Time:
Dr. Saltsman stated that there was a recent incident at Buffalo Wild Wings and the Board of Health sends deepest condolences for the man who died from the accident.

Chairman's Report:
Dr. Weiner stated that as Dr. Saltsman stated there was an incident on November 7th. Dr. Weiner thanked Ms. Lumenello for staying late on the scene. Dr. Weiner stated that on the same night, the Planning Board held a joint meeting to discuss a zoning change. This change would allow bio-tech to be allowed in three additional properties. There is a loophole in the zoning that needs to be addressed. When the biotech company comes in to Burlington initially, it is a change of use and the Board of Health has review. If that original company leaves and another biotech company comes in there is no change in use and a Board of Health review is not required. There are two options to fix this. We can change the zoning but that is not under our control or we can add a Board of Health regulation that every biotech company needs to come before this Board. He would like the support of this Board on his recommendations.

Dr. Saltsman stated that he agrees that the Board of Health needs to review bio-tech company that comes to Burlington.
Ms. Welch asked if the meeting was posted as a public hearing. Ms. Lumenello replied yes but there was no notice to other Boards. We need to get better with notification to other departments and Boards.

Ms. Lumenello stated that the zoning article is to allow bio-tech in IH districts. If there is an office and a biotech company takes over, it would be a change of use and they would be required to come to this Board. That bio-tech company could be issued a Level 2 classification. If they leave and another biotech company comes in, they may have a Level 3 classification and the Board of Health would never know. Ms. Lumenello stated that she will look at other communities and start draft regulations. She suggested a subcommittee be formed to work on these regulations. Dr. Weiner and Dr. Saltsman will be on the subcommittee.

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman moved to put the regulations for biotech companies on a future Board of Health agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously voted (5-0-0).

**Subcommittee Reports:** There were no Subcommittee Reports

**Discussion:**

● **Plumbing Variance Recommend**

Rosario Ferrante appeared for a plumbing variance request.

Ms. Lumenello stated that Mr. Ferrante purchased plumbing fixtures for his home and they are not on the state approved list but are approved for most of the United States. She recommends that the Board have no objections to the variance.

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman moved that the Board of Health has no objection to the plumbing variance for the Massachusetts Plumbing Code 3.0.4 for 9 Sullivan Street, Burlington, MA. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously voted (5-0-0).

● **Matt Davis & Juliana Bernard, Board of Health Interns**

Matt Davis appeared before the Board. Mr. Davis introduced his clinical instructor Kathy Tracy from Northeastern. Mr. Davis stated that Julie Bernard could not be here tonight. Mr. Davis thanked the Board of Health for allowing him to intern since September. This was part of a public health course he is taking. During his time he worked with MAVEN, a Matter of Balance, Stop the Bleed, blood pressure clinics and the flu clinic. He was also trained in pediatric vaccines. Mr. Davis stated that he enjoyed the time in public health but feels more clinic experience first would help.

Dr. Weiner asked if he would recommend this program. Mr. Davis replied absolutely. Dr. Weiner asked that a letter be sent to Northeastern and acknowledge how well Mr. Davis and Ms. Bernard have done and hope that they send more students for this program. Ms. Walendziewicz thanked Mr. Davis for his help with the flu clinic.

**Staff Reports**

*Environmental Engineer*
Ms. Mathis presented her report:

- The first hard frost has happened so the mosquitoes are gone for the season.
- The new universal waste shed has been installed at the south end of the building at 61 Center Street. They received a grant for this shed.
- They are continuing to monitor 207 Cambridge Street.

Dr. Weiner asked what the situation is on the vapor barrier. Ms. Mathis stated that a building inspector thought there was a vapor barrier that was punctured but it was only a moisture barrier and it has been repaired.

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Environmental Engineer’s report. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. (5-0-0)

**Health Agent**

Ms. Johnson presented her report:

- A tobacco compliance check was done in September and all the establishments have passed.
- The vaping ban is still in effect.
- Food permit renewals are in process.
- There were two new food inspections done; New England Gluten Free Expo and Taste Event.
- New food establishments are ongoing.

Dr. Saltsman asked what the status of the Bagel Bar is. Ms. Johnson stated that she is not sure, they are waiting on them.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Health Agent report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (5-0-0)

**Supervisory Nurse**

Ms. Paulik presented her report:

- The Matter of Balance was completed on October 29th. They hope to do another session in the spring.
- Pediatric flu clinic are done.
- The flu clinics for town and school employees are ongoing.

Ms. Welch asked what the training for 8th graders is. Ms. Paulik stated that she meets with Susan Fay’s class and discuss public health and nursing. This will probably be done in the spring.

Ms. Walendziewicz asked how the flu stock is holding up. Ms. Paulik stated that they are getting down there and they hope to have it all gone. Ms. Walendziewicz asked how much pediatric flu vaccine is left. Ms. Paulik replied that they still have some.

Dr. Weiner reminded everyone that there is still time to get your flu shot if you haven’t yet. He read that there were 79,000 flu related deaths last year. Ms. Paulik stated that there have been 3 confirmed cases of flu in Burlington already.

**MOTION:** Ms. Walendziewicz moved to approve the Supervisory Nurse’s report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously approved. (5-0-0)
Director of Public Health

Ms. Lumenello presented her report:

- The flu clinic data is in. They performed 492 vaccines this year compared to 527 last year. In 2016 there were 466 vaccines and 2017 there were 267. The flu clinic this year has better circulation and having 4 lanes with pediatric and regular vaccines was a big help.
- A survey was sent to all volunteers and staff and the results will be in the after action report.

Dr. Weiner stated that he spoke with Chief Patterson and thanked him for the EMTs.

**MOTION:** Ms. Welch moved to approve the Director of Public Health’s report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously approved. (5-0-0)

Dr. Weiner reminded residents to wash their hands and get a flu shot if not already done.

Adjourn

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman moved to approve to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:59 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and unanimously approved. (5-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Cathcart,
Recording Clerk
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

Agenda

**Minutes:** July 23, 2019, September 24, 2019, October 22, 2019

**Chairman’s Report:** None

**Subcommittee Reports:** None

**Discussion:**

**Plumbing Variance Recommendation** – 10/27/19 Memo from S. Lumenello, Recommendation, State Plumbing Application, Memo dated 11/4/19

**Staff Reports:** Environmental Engineer’s Report; Associate Health Inspector’s Report; Supervisory Nurse’s Report; Director of Public Health’s Report