



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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

- Board Members Present:** Ed Weiner, PhD, Chairman; David McSweeney, Vice Chairman; and Maribeth Welch
- Not Present:** Dr. Wayne Saltsman, MD, PhD and Libby Walendziewicz, RN, MSN
- Staff Members Present:** Susan Lumenello, REHS/RS, CHMM, Director of Public Health; Christine Mathis, Environmental Engineer; Chris Paulik, 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: January 14, 2020**

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2020 as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

**Citizen's Time:** No one spoke.

**Chairman's Report:**

Dr. Weiner stated that Town Meeting met last night and zoning articles passed unanimously. There was discussion on the biosafety regulations that we adopted.

**Subcommittee Reports:** Ray Avenue Sewer Lines & FY2021 BOH Budget

Dr. Weiner stated that the minutes of the subcommittees will be discussed during the item that they address.

**Variations:**

- *Café Escadrille, 26 Cambridge Street – Variance Modification, BOH Grease Interceptor Requirements For Food Service Establishments*

Michael Murray appeared for the variance for Café Escadrille. Also in attendance was the DPW Director John Sanchez. Dr. Weiner stated that there are still problems with the system. Mr. Sanchez stated that a few years ago the DPW would do monthly checks for grease back up on the Ray Street sewer line. They are still finding grease. The last inspection was done on January 15, 2020 and there was still grease in the line and system. Mr. Murray stated that they don't want to contribute to the problem. He asked that the Board revoke the variance and they will do more cleaning of the system.

Mr. McSweeney stated that the subcommittee met last week. It's been over 2 years since the variance was approved and there is still FOG coming into the sewer line. We can either revoke the variance or require more doses and require that the exterior grease tank be cleaned more than twice a year. We need a plan. If



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they choose not to use the protein matrix then they will have to go back to regular cleaning. Mr. Murray stated that the internal grease traps look great but the external grease tank still has build up. Mr. Sanchez stated that we have had issues prior to the protein matrix but we did not do as many clean ups of the sewer system. Mr. Murray stated that they would like the variance revoked. They will clean the system and start with a baseline and then try to figure out the problem.

Ms. Lumenello asked if all of the protein matrix will be stopped even internally. Mr. Murray replied he is not sure. If a variance is not obtained for the internal grease interceptors, then they must be cleaned and maintained when they reach 25% capacity or at 3 months, whichever comes first. Mr. Lumenello stated that the external grease interceptor needs to be cleaned in February and this should include maintenance of the entire system and lines. The applicant must notify the Board of Health and DPW when this is being done. The applicant was asked to email the office on their decision regarding the protein matrix. Mr. Sanchez stated that once the grease trap and service line is cleaned we can get a baseline. We will still monitor the line on a monthly basis until we see no evidence of grease.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to rescind the grease trap variance for 26 Cambridge Street. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

**Discussions:**

- ***10 Sunset Drive, Plumbing Variance Recommendation***

Daniel Miniello appeared for a plumbing variance for 10 Sunset Drive. He would like to install 2 unapproved sink basins in his house. These 2 sinks are not on the approved state list.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to send a letter of no objection to the State Plumbing Board on behalf of Mr. Miniello in regards to the 2 sink basins. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

- ***FY2021 BOH Budget***

Ms. Lumenello presented the FY2021 Board of Health budget. The overview is there will be a 3.86% overall increase. There will be a .90% increase in salaries, 0% net increase in expenses and a 26.19% in special accounts. They are expecting a 30-40% increase in Household Hazardous Waste. This increase is based on the fact that Stericycle is no longer an approved vendor and the State now requires PCB testing. In looking at the numbers, they believe that FY15 was the most accurate count for Household Hazardous Waste day. They will be adding \$50,000 as the line item. Ms. Lumenello stated that they are adding a line item for the Burlington Volunteer Reserve Corp (BVRC) with an amount of \$1,000. Most of the activities through the MRC are funded by grants but they can't use the money for refreshment, apparel or recruiting. This line item will cover these items. The BVRC assists in so many activities including Health Fairs, Bladder Cancer Screening, Household Hazardous Waste Day, Stop the Bleed training, Flu Clinics, Blood Drives, First Aid stations, etc.



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Dr. Weiner stated that the elected officials are not getting a raise, only staff. Dr. Weiner asked if we could set up a revolving fund for donations for the BVRC. Ms. Lumenello replied that she could look into this but we need to be careful because we shouldn't take any donations from companies that we regulate.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the FY2021 Board of Health budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

Mr. McSweeney asked what the next steps are. Ms. Lumenello stated that the BOH will meet with the Ways and Means subcommittee and then on March 4, 2020, go before the Ways and Means Committee and then the budget will be voted on at the May Town Meeting.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Environmental Engineer**

Ms. Mathis presented her report:

- All mailings regarding Hazardous Material registrations have been completed. There are now 125 companies in Burlington that we inspect.

Mr. McSweeney asked what the issue with 4 Lowell Street was. Ms. Mathis stated that they received a pumping record from a realtor. They tied into the town sewer but the abandonment of the septic was never witnessed as required. We sent a letter to the contractor. Dr. Weiner asked if there is a penalty. Ms. Mathis stated that this is their first offense, so a letter was sent. Ms. Lumenello added that if there is another offense, then they will be issued a fine. Mr. McSweeney asked what the status of 207 Cambridge Street is. Ms. Mathis stated that they have received tentative approval from MassDOT. They are just waiting on the traffic plan because they have to close 3A when they tie in the system. Ms. Mathis stated that she will keep in contact with the applicant.

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

#### **Supervisory Nurse**

Ms. Paulik presented her report:

- They will have nursing students from Northeastern for this semester.
- They still have flu shots if anyone needs them.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Supervisory Nurses' report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

#### **Associate Health Inspector**

Ms. Hardy presented her report:

- All tobacco inspections have been completed.
- They are working on a training schedule for the BRVC for the next fiscal year.



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- She has become a certified pool operator.

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

**Director of Public Health**

Ms. Lumenello presented her report:

- There is a tabletop exercise on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 4:30 PM dealing with critical staff dispensing. This will include the Burlington Police and Fire and 5-6 towns.
- There will be a training session at the Harvard School of Public Health on Workers Safety on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.
- There will be a Food Code Training Review for all the food establishments on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Burlington High School. There will be discussion on cleaning chemicals in the food establishments.

Mr. McSweeney asked if the staff has received any calls on the Coronavirus. Ms. Lumenello stated that we did receive one phone call from a school. She has been listening in on the CDC weekly phone calls.

Dr. Weiner stated that some of the restaurants in the Burlington Mall had to be shut down due to no water. Ms. Lumenello replied that yesterday, they had to visit the mall due to a water issue. Most of the restaurants closed on their own but 1 ticket was issued. They reminded the owners that if there is no water or electricity they need to close.

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

Dr. Weiner reminded residents to wash their hands and stay warm.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:55 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

*Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Cathcart,  
Recording Clerk*



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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

**Agenda**

**Minutes:** January 14, 2020

**Chairman's Report:** None

**Subcommittee Reports:** Subcommittee Minutes dated 1/17/20 regarding Ray Avenue Sewer Line & FY2021 BOH Budget

**Variances:**

- **Café Escadrille, 26 Cambridge Street – Variance Modification, BOH Grease Interceptor Requirements for Food Service Establishments**

Memo from S. Lumenello dated 1/28/20, Approved variance request dated 12/3/18 with 2 attachments

**Discussion:**

- ***10 Sunset Drive, Plumbing Variance Recommendation***

Memo from S. Lumenello dated 1/21/20, Memo request, State Plumbing Board Variance application with attachments

- ***FY2021 BOH Budget:*** Presentation, Cover sheet, Budget Guidelines from P. Sagarino

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