



TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MA  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES

Town Hall Main Hearing Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021

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**Board Members Present:** Ed Weiner, PhD, Chairman; David McSweeney, Vice Chairman; and Dr. Wayne Saltsman, MD, PhD (Remote Access); Maribeth Welch and Andrea Sheehan

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Susan Lumenello, REHS/RS, CHMM, Director of Public Health; Christine Mathis, Environmental Engineer; and Marlene Johnson, Health Agent

Dr. Weiner called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:07 PM. This is the first in-person meeting at the Town Hall Main Hearing Room but will have a remote option.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:** May 11, 2021 and May 25, 2021

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Board of Health minutes of May 11, 2021 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously voted 5-0-0.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Board of Health minutes of May 15, 2021 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheehan and voted 4-0-1. Ms. Welch abstained from voting.

**Citizen's Time:** No one called in.

**Chairman's Report:**

Dr. Weiner stated that our last in-person meeting was April 3, 2020 and he never imagined that we would have been remote for 15 months. The impacts of the pandemic showed us the real heroes such as Police, Fire, the Board of Health and the MRC and the resilience of the people. Dr. Weiner thanked everyone who has worked so hard this past year.

Mr. McSweeney echoed the sentiments and thanked Ms. Lumenello and her entire staff and Dr. Weiner for his leadership that has gone above and beyond.

**Variance**

***Beirut Convenience Store, 47 Winn Street – External Grease Interceptor***

Soroya Tigre joined the meeting for a variance from an external grease interceptor at 47 Winn Street.



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Ms. Johnson stated that they are requesting a variance for the requirements for an external grease interceptor. The proposed use is a retail store and small butcher shop. They have a 3-compartment sink and internal grease interceptor.

Mr. McSweeney asked what type of food will be offered. Ms. Tigre stated that they will have fresh meat; there are no fryers or prepared food. Mr. McSweeney asked why an external grease interceptor was needed. Ms. Johnson replied it is because they have a 3-compartment sink.

Dr. Weiner reminded Ms. Tigre to maintain the cleaning logs for the internal grease interceptor because they will be checked during the inspection.

There were no questions from the audience.

**MOTION:** Ms. Welch made a motion to approve the variance from the external grease interceptor for Beirut Convenience Store at 47 Winn Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved 5-0-0.

**Permits:**

***Biological Safety Permit – 60 Blanchard Road, Greenhouse Light Biosciences, Inc.***

Rohan Anderson, Jeff Robinson and Cory Vander-Heyden from Greenhouse Light Biosciences Inc. appeared for the Biological Safety Permit.

Ms. Mathis stated that Greenhouse Light Biosciences will be utilizing 2 clean rooms at Azzur. They have a BSL Level 1. This is a small scale R & D facility and they will be working on vaccines including a COVID vaccine.

Mr. Anderson stated that he joined Greenhouse Light Biosciences about 3 months ago and his extensive background includes his work at Pfizer. They will be occupying suites 4 & 5 that will be about 1,550 SF. There will be 10 full time employees to start and hope to increase to 15 employees in 2022. The Biological Safety Permit presentation was given and they will have a NIH Level III-D. There will be no testing of plants or animals and the only hazardous chemical is 30 gallons of ethanol. There is no physical connection between the office and lab space. They have All One Health providing occupational services and emergency response is handled by Azzur.

Dr. Weiner asked if Ms. Mathis had any issues with the application. Ms. Mathis replied no, there are 3 conditions in the decision and they are already met. Dr. Wiener asked what the other locations of Greenhouse Biosciences are. Mr. Anderson replied they have facilities in Medford, Woburn, Rochester, NY and North Carolina.

Ms. Welch asked if this was a 24/7 operation. Mr. Anderson replied no, they usually work 12 hour days.

Mr. McSweeney stated that they have been through Azzur's plans several times and this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> biotech company using Azzur. Ms. Mathis stated that there are 2 tenants using 5 clean rooms. Mr. McSweeney asked if we are going to increase the monitoring to make sure Azzur are doing what they are supposed to. Ms. Lumenello stated that the tenants are monitored by the individual Institutional Biosafety Committee



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(IBC) and Azzur oversees the facility. She feels confident that they have the plan under control. If there are changes in processes, they would have to come back to us and Ms. Mathis inspects them for Hazardous Material once a year and the IBC at least once a year. Ms. Mathis stated that each tenant will have an IBC inspection and Azzur will have an inspection of the facility at least yearly.

Dr. Weiner stated that James Harrison is a former member of this Board and an expert in engineering and biotechnology and he continues to be the community representative of so many IBC. Dr. Weiner thanked Mr. Harrison for all his work. Dr. Weiner asked if Ms. Mathis was satisfied with the application. Ms. Mathis replied yes. Ms. Lumenello asked if we have all the required manuals. Ms. Mathis replied that we have them now and they are about 99% complete.

There were no questions from the audience.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Biological Safety Permit for 60 Blanchard Road, Greenhouse Light Biosciences, and Inc. with the proposed conditions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously voted 5-0-0.

### **Staff Reports**

Dr. Weiner stated that he would like to postpone staff reports so they can move to the Special Meeting. He did ask for an update on E.coli and the boiler order that was issued last week. Ms. Lumenello stated that there was an emergency response Friday AM. They notified all the food establishments and they used the MRC to make sure they spoke to a person at each food establishment.

Ms. Johnson stated that using Code Red for this purpose was fabulous.

**MOTION:** Ms. Welch moved to postpone discussion on staff reports until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheehan and unanimously voted 5-0-0.

### **Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to adjourn the Board of Health regular meeting at 7:41 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch unanimously approved and unanimously voted 5-0-0.

*Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Cathcart,  
Recording Clerk*



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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021

**Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes:** May 11, 2021 and May 25, 2021

**Citizen's Time:** None

**Chairman's Report:** None

**Variance:**

- *Beirut Convenience Store, 47 Winn Street – External Grease Interceptor* – 6/22/21 Memo from M. Johnson, Application dated 6/10/21

**Permits:**

- *Biological Safety Permit – 60 Blanchard Road, Greenhouse Light Biosciences, Inc.* – 6/21/21 Memo from C. Mathis, Greenhouse Light Biosciences BioSafety Meeting Presentation dated 6/22/21

**Staff Reports:** Environmental Engineer's Report, Health Agent's Report and Director of Public Health's Report (Includes Supervisory Nurse and Associate Health Inspector's reports)