



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

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

Board Members Present: Ed Weiner, PhD, Chairman; David McSweeney, Vice Chairman; Dr. Wayne Saltsman, MD, PhD; and Libby Walendziewicz, RN, MSN

Board Members Not Present: Maribeth Welch

Staff Members Present: Susan Lumenello, REHS/RS, CHMM, Director of Public Health; Christine Mathis, Environmental Engineer and Sarah Courtemanche, Board of Health Admin.

Dr. Weiner called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:07 PM. This will be a remote meeting of the Burlington Board of Health. All votes will be taken by a roll call vote.

Ms. Walendziewicz recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McSweeney read a statement that due to the current State of Emergency for the COVID-19 virus the Governor has issued an Executive Order on March 12, 2020 authorizing remote meetings under M.G.L c. 30A, Section 20. This meeting is being held via Cisco WebEx as a virtual/electronic meeting. Residents can join the meeting via the WebEx meeting number or by the phone number published on the Town of Burlington website. Residences can also leave questions on the BCAT Facebook page or they can call the Board of Health office.

Approval of Minutes: May 26, 2020

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Board of Health minutes of May 26, 2020 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (4-0-0)

Citizen's Time: No one called in.

Chairman's Report:

Dr. Weiner stated that we are seeing declining cases of COVID-19 and he is proud of the way the Board of Health is meeting the challenges. Dr. Weiner wanted to thank the Board of Health members, the Staff and the volunteers of the MRC for their continued commitment in these trying times. Dr. Weiner stated that the Board of Health was thanked several times for all their help with the Town Meeting.

Subcommittee Reports: There were no Subcommittee Reports.

Permits:



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● ***Biological Safety Permit, Millipore, 400-600 Summit Drive***

Bobby Young, EHS Engineer Consultant, Amanda Gavazzi, Property Manager, Sarah Wilson EHS Consultant and Lisa Hartman, Head of EHS appeared for the Biological Safety Permit for Millipore, 400-600 Summit Drive. Mr. Young stated that they are grateful that the Board extended their existing permit until the new Biological Safety regulations were created. Mr. Young presented a powerpoint presentation including Introductions, Guidelines and Permit Fees, Biosafety and Bloodborne Pathogens, Chemical Hygiene Program, IBC Members, Biosafety Resources and Pest Control Program. Mr. Young stated that they are operating at a Biosafety Level 2 and 2+. Dr. Saltsman questioned what dictates a Level 2+ designation. Mr. Young responded that it is the same criteria as Level 2 but the enhanced area has controlled access with a card reader.

Ms. Mathis stated that the contagions were submitted as part of this application. She will double check the Level 2+ status prior to issuance of the permit but she is comfortable with the application.

Ms. Hartman stated that Level 2+ was introduced by Harvard a few years ago. Ms. Lumenello asked if the key cards are always used. Mr. Young replied yes, they are always used in this area.

There were no questions from the audience.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Biological Safety Permit. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (4-0-0)

Variance:

● ***External Grease Interceptor, Burlington Creative Start, 56 Middlesex Turnpike***

Terri Natale, Executive Director of Burlington Creative Start appeared for the request for variance from an external grease interceptor.

Ms. Lumenello stated that this day care center does not prep food on site, they have it brought in and it is heated up. They do have a food permit but she is in agreement with the variance with one condition. The condition is as follows: The food service establishment operator and the property owner both understand that this variance may be subject to revocation, suspension or expiration as determined by the Board of health. A variance under these regulations may be revoked; modified or suspended only after the food service establishment has been notified in writing and given an opportunity to be heard at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health. Reasons for revocation, modification or suspension of a variance include, but are not limited to, a determination that the food service establishment is discharging grease in quantities sufficient to cause sanitary sewer line blockages or increased maintenance of sewer lines.

Dr. Weiner asked if there would be an internal grease trap with logs. Ms. Lumenello replied yes.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the variance from Section 4, Part A and allow the new food service establishment to operate without installing an external grease interceptor with the stated condition. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (4-0-0)



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Staff Reports

Environmental Engineer

Ms. Mathis presented her report.

- The Board of Selectmen have issued a water ban. The only days outside water can be used is Tuesday and Saturday from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. This includes private irrigation and wells. They are putting together a flyer to send out.
- COVID-19 inspections include follow ups on complaints dealing with masks, social distancing and re-opening of businesses
- EEE testing has started. It will run from June 15th to the end of October. 2019 was the beginning of a 3 year cycle so they have increased trapping, reduced testing time and increased public information. Burlington is currently listed as remote.

Mr. McSweeney asked if the 4 Mary Vale inspection was connected to a septic removal. Ms. Mathis replied no, it was a historic release of home heating oil.

Dr. Weiner asked if any of the 3 drainage problems are repeat offenders. Ms. Mathis replied yes, there is one repeat offender. They were issued an order and fine. The fine was paid and the site was re-inspected and they did remove the hose.

Dr. Weiner stated that he was notified that Federal (Post Office) workers are exempt from the Massachusetts COVID requirements. Ms. Mathis replied yes, but they have been very cooperative and the employees are always wearing masks when she has inspected them.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Environmental Engineer's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (4-0-0)

Director of Public Health

Ms. Lumenello presented her report:

- On Monday, Phase II, Step II started with re-opening including indoor dining, increased to 50% occupancy for office workers, personal service establishments, including nail and tanning salons. The Staff has been conducting inspections for open food establishments and requests for outdoor fitness areas.

Dr. Weiner wanted to wish Cathy Piccolo a happy retirement. Ms. Lumenello stated that she is retiring on Friday and they will have a WebEx if anyone wants to say farewell. She will be missed by so many people.

MOTION: Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Director of Public Health's report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (4-0-0)



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Dr. Saltsman stated that racial inequality and social injustice is a public health issue. We as a Board should take up this issue and have Staff to consider what can be done. Ms. Lumenello stated that the State has released the COVID-19 health equity advisory report and this is now on our website which may give us some ideas. Dr. Weiner stated that he has also spoken with the School Superintendent and we should continue dialogue with them as well.

Dr. Saltsman stated that we are in the post surge of COVID-19 but it is not over. Dr. Fauchi stated there are still 30,000 new cases a day so we are still considered in wave 1. Dr. Saltsman urged people to stay with their new habits of wearing masks, social distancing, cleaning surfaces, covering coughs, hand washing, and stay home when sick. We cannot become complacent.

Mr. McSweeney reminded residents to be smart with their outside water usage. Even though there is only an advisory and not a ban, we should be cautious. This includes private wells.

Adjourn

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (4-0-0)

*Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Cathcart,
Recording Clerk*



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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

Agenda

Approval of Minutes: May 26, 2020 Minutes

Citizen's Time: None

Chairman's Report: None

Subcommittee Reports: None

Permits:

- **Biological Safety Permit, Millipore, 400-600 Summit Drive:** Application, Powerpoint Presentation, Meeting Information – Institutional Biosafety Committee w/attachments

Variance:

- **External Grease Interceptor, Burlington Creative Start, 56 Middlesex Turnpike:** Application, Variance Request from M. Johnson dated June 23, 2020

Staff Reports: Environmental Engineer's Report; Director of Public Health's Report