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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 7:00 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:** July 28, 2020

Dr. Weiner stated that his name was misspelled and will wait until this is corrected.

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman moved to table the approval of the Board of Health minutes of July 28, 2020. 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)

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

**Chairman's Report:**

Dr. Weiner stated that the cases of COVID-19 are going down and we are getting better. Burlington is currently in the green and we hope to continue. The staff has been working hard to provide information to all community members and will continue to do so.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

There are no subcommittee reports.

**Discussion:**

- **COVID-19 Updates**

Ms. Lumenello gave an update on COVID-19:

- The average positive rate is .55% in the last 14 days.



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- A parent guide has been provided for all parents of school aged children.
- A risk communication plan has been created with Dr. Conti for the schools
- The HVAC report has been provided and reviewed. The Board of Health does not approve it, but they are here to provide assistance and guidance.
- The Governor's orders were amended on August 18<sup>th</sup> to include penalties and fines. The Department of Labor also includes standards for penalties. There will be joint enforcement between the Board of Health and Department of Labor.
- Businesses are required to report any cases to the Board of Health.
- The Governor's orders were amended on August 7<sup>th</sup> and reversed his orders on public gatherings: indoor gatherings are limited to 25 or 8/1,000 SF; outdoor gatherings are limited to 50 or 8/1,000 SF. This includes private homes, back yards, etc.
- They have investigated 14 complaints last week: 2 travel restrictions, 3 face coverings, 8 social distancing and 1 sanitation complaint.

Dr. Saltsman stated that even though Burlington is in the green, we need to maintain the standard precautions including hand washing, wearing masks, and social distancing. He is concerned with what happened over the Labor Day holiday. Dr. Saltsman reminded residents that this year especially, everyone should get their flu shots.

Dr. Weiner stated that he and Dr. Saltsman are part of the subcommittee to work with the School Department and there will be a meeting next week. Mr. McSweeney asked that at the next meeting, we get an update of how the opening of schools has been going. Dr. Weiner replied he will work on that. Ms. Walendziewicz stated that school starts on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Environmental Engineer**

Ms. Mathis presented her report.

- The Household Hazard Waste Day is planned for this Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The contact free procedures include remaining in the car, windows are to remain closed, masks are required and the waste should be stored in the rear of the vehicle. There should be no non-waste items in the rear.
- Burlington's risk rating for West Nile Virus is Low and EEE is Remote.

Mr. McSweeney stated he saw the pictures from Staples regarding the water runoff. Ms. Mathis stated that the property owners were called on Friday but she has not heard back. The puddle is gone but the parking lot is a mess. She looked at the water in Vine Brook as well as the stagnant water in the catch basins. The catch basins need work. It also looks like a small trench was added.

Dr. Weiner asked if the Birch Street subdivision will be at the next meeting. Ms. Mathis replied yes, there is still an issue between the Planning Board and Applicant if the subdivision can be allowed.

Dr. Weiner asked if people are not following procedures at Household Hazard Waste Day what will happen. Ms. Mathis replied that they will not be served. They will have some masks available. Dr. Weiner asked if he could have a sign made that people should not get out of the car.



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**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:

- The flu clinic will most likely be held in late September, early October. This will be a drive-thru Emergency Dispensing facility. They are looking at the High School as long as we can get the entire campus. Dr. Conti is checking the date of October 17<sup>th</sup> to see if there are conflicts. They will need help from other Town Departments for tents and generators. The school has two 20' x 10' tents that they can borrow and they will need volunteers once the date is set.
- They will start setting up appointments in the office for vaccines starting in early October. This will be open to First Responders, Staff and High Dose vaccines for seniors.

Dr. Saltsman stated that flu shots are widely available at pharmacies and doctor's offices. The flu shot should be given around the time of the start of flu season and to get a good immune response, the vaccine should be given in mid-October. This would cover us through the flu season. We are also still waiting for the vaccine from the State. Dr. Saltsman asked if we could set up a mock training to see if the drive-thru would work. Ms. Lumenello replied that she is not sure we can get all the equipment set up but she will find out if they could do it the day before. She is working on the diagram and traffic patterns and she will be meeting with Burlington Police next week.

Dr. Weiner asked if this would be considered an MRC drill. Ms. Lumenello replied yes. Dr. Weiner replied that he spoke with the Town Administrator and he is in full support of this.

Dr. Weiner asked for an update of the employee who was traveling from Florida and not quarantining. Ms. Lumenello stated that she spoke with an attorney at the Department of Labor and if travel from Florida is done every week, then it is considered commuting and not subject to the travel restriction. The lawyer from DPH agreed that if they are commuting no testing is required. Dr. Saltsman stated that he does not agree with that at all. This does not follow the CDC guidelines. We support local businesses but safety of the residents and employees in Burlington is important. Dr. Weiner stated that the local Board of Health can pass rules that are stricter than the State and we should look at this. Dr. Saltsman stated that we could look at requiring testing 24 hours prior to their flight or having a weekly test.

Dr. Saltsman stated that as far as the flu clinics, we should look into using pharmacists to administer vaccines as well.

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Director of Public Health'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)

Dr. Weiner wished the Jewish residents a Happy New Year and if any residents ever have questions, please contact the Board of Health. We are here to help.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Dr. Saltsman moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 9:45 PM. 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)



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*Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Cathcart,  
Recording Clerk*



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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

**Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes:** July 28, 2020 (Not approved)

**Citizen's Time:** None

**Chairman's Report:** None

**Subcommittee Reports:** None

**Discussion:** None

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