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Notice of Public Meeting – (As required by G.L. c. 30 A, c. §18-25)

DEPT./BOARD: Ways & Means Town Hall II Subcommittee

DATE: January 8th, 2021

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: WebEx meeting.

MINUTES

In Attendance: Dr. Ed Weiner (Chairman of BOH), David McSweeney (Vice Chairman of BOH), Susan Lumenello (Director of Public Health), Tom Killilea (Ways & Means), John Iler (Ways & Means), Brad Bond (Ways & Means)

Discussed Article #4 of the Warrant for the Burlington Town Meeting of January 25, 2021.

The intent of the article is to add an Associate Director of Public Health with duties of the same scope as the Director of Public Health. This request is being made for January Town Meeting rather than as part of the budget cycle because of the current Covid-19 crisis. It was pointed out that if the Director had come down with the virus, there is little to no backup for anyone to serve in her place.

While the short term demands on the department should be clear to all, there are also ongoing increased demands on department resources. Dr. Weiner stepped through the five different areas of work required of the Board of Health. One of the increases in workload is the shift in Burlington from office space to bio-tech space. Dr. Weiner will make a presentation to both Ways & Means and to Town Meeting as to the current scope of work for the Board of Health.

There was discussion about the wisdom of adding a new position in town while the full economic impact of Covid-19 on Burlington is yet to be felt. The consensus was that we as a town need to provide support where it is needed to deal with the current crisis.

Vote on the BOH Warrant Article request for January 2021 Town Meeting – 3-0 in support.

Adjourned – 11:00AM

