



TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MA
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Virtual Meeting - Cisco WebEx

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Susan Lumenello, REHS/RS, CHMM, Director of Public Health; Christine Mathis, Environmental Engineer; Marlene Johnson, Health Agent 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: November 24, 2020 and December 8, 2020

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Board of Health minutes of November 24, 2020 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. Ms. Welch abstained from voting. (4-0-1)

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Board of Health minutes of December 08, 2020 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, Ms. Welch and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (5-0-0)

Citizen's Time: No one called in.

Chairman's Report:

Dr. Weiner thanked BCAT and staff for all their hard work during this time. We are on 11 months of remote meetings and preparing for these remote meetings is not easy. We now have 2 vaccines for COVID with another one coming soon. They have started vaccinations today with the Moderna vaccine but we are in a COVID surge and still need to be vigilant about wearing our masks, being socially distant and staying out of large groups. There will be two more clinics this week and more next week. We have been utilizing plans



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that were developed a long time ago and the Board of Health members and staff continue to perform their duties amazingly during this pandemic. Dr. Weiner stated that he and Mr. McSweeney gave presentations to the Town's financial and leadership committees and Ways and Means subcommittee on the need for the Assistant Director's position and they were in agreement. Dr. Weiner added that he and Mr. McSweeney will be giving a presentation and will be part of a panel discussion on BCAT this week.

MOTION: Ms. Walendziewicz moved to take item 18 Hillsdale Avenue kennel permit out of order. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, Ms. Welch and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (5-0-0)

● ***18 Hillsdale Avenue, Kennel Recommendation***

Ms. Lumenello stated that Ms. Hardy has visited the site. They have 4 dogs and they inspected the backyard. They have no objections to the kennel.

Dr. Weiner asked if the ACO has provided a recommendation. Ms. Lumenello stated that the ACO weighs in separately.

Mr. McSweeney asked if neighbors would be notified of the kennel. Ms. Lumenello replied yes and they have not had any complaints. This approval is only for a year and if there are any complaints they can be brought in for review.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the kennel recommendation for 18 Hillsdale Avenue. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, Ms. Welch and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (5-0-0)

Subcommittee Reports: *60 Blanchard Road*

Mr. McSweeney stated that they will discuss the subcommittee during the application.

Application:

● ***Special Permit and MEC – 60 Blanchard Road***

Ms. Mathis stated that Azzur is proposing to occupy an existing building. There will be extensive interior renovation and the outside will have improvements to stormwater, new paving and an additional loading dock will be created. Azzur leases out clean rooms to different companies but they maintain the centralized functions such as chemical management, common area scheduling, security, maintenance, etc. They just received the plans so she has not finished the review.

Attorney Kristine Hung from Riemer & Braunstein LLP, Frank DiPietro from BSC Group and Christine Kressiner, Paul Paldino and Ravi Samavedan from Azzur and Josh Foster from Safety Partners appeared for the Special Permits for 60 Blanchard Road. Attorney Hung stated that Azzur provides small and start up life science companies with consultation and management services. They provide clean rooms on demand and provide technology and regulatory compliance. They currently have a site in Waltham, MA but Burlington will be their flagship site. They are before the Planning Board for a Special Permit and Minor Engineering Change. The team from Azzur introduced themselves and their qualifications. Ms. Kressiner stated that this



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facility will have 20 modular clean rooms. Each room will be 768 SF. Azzur will provide oversight of conference rooms and all common areas. There will be an additional loading dock for a dedicated waste management area. An umbrella permit will be issued to Azzur for the facility and each tenant will have to come before the Board of Health for approval before they are allowed to utilize the clean rooms. Each company will have a dedicated standard operating procedure.

Dr. Saltsman asked what the biohazard level limit was. Ms. Kressiner stated that there is a small quantity generator and a biohazard level 1 or 2.

Dr. Weiner stated that each company would need to have a separate permit but there will only be one hazardous material permit issued to Azzur. Ms. Mathis replied that was correct. Dr. Weiner asked if there is safety training offered. Ms. Kressiner replied yes, all clients and staff have safety training at different levels as required.

Dr. Saltsman asked if there will be more than one client at a time in the facility. Ms. Kressiner replied yes, multiple clients can access their own clean room space at the same time. This is a multi-tenant facility. The common spaces will be booked through scheduling software. Dr. Saltsman stated that he is concerned with the safety of the people inside the facility. Ms. Kressiner stated that clients cannot be onsite without an Azzur employee. They have also contacted the Fire Department to go over the protocols with them.

Mr. DiPietro stated that as far as the outside, they will be paving the parking lot with new curbing. There will be a new storm water system with catch basins and water quality units, and water quality swales near the entrance. They will upgrade the utilities including two new 6" gas lines. There will be a concrete pad that will first hold a generator and then a cogeneration facility. There will also be outdoor seating for staff.

Mr. McSweeney asked if the outside changes are an improvement. Ms. Mathis replied that she has not completed her review of the Minor Engineering Change but will have it for the next meeting. She did ask if there will be any filtration on site. Mr. DiPietro stated that there is a 1,275 SF stone and vegetation swale but there is minimal infiltration. Ms. Mathis stated that a letter from the current LSP on the MSP site of Blanchard Road site is required stating that the improvements will not impact the ground water treatment and contamination site or the flow underneath the site. Mr. McSweeney stated this is a one-story building with no basement and asked if a vapor barrier would be required. Ms. Mathis stated that the LSP should address that issue in the report. Mr. McSweeney stated that if the subcommittee is needed they can reconvene.

Ms. Lumenello stated that she is recommending that a condition be added to the permit that Azzur will be responsible to make sure all clients have Board of Health permit prior to occupying the space.

There were no questions from the audience.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to continue the Special Permit and Minor Engineering Change for 60 Blanchard Road until the Board of Health meeting of January 26, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, Ms. Welch and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (5-0-0)

Discussion:



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● ***2021 BOH Meeting Schedule***

Ms. Lumenello presented the 2021 Board of Health meeting schedule.

MOTION: Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the 2021 Board of Health meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, Ms. Welch and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (5-0-0)

Staff Reports

Health Agent

Ms. Johnson presented her report.

- Following up on temporary suspension of variance for HMart. The last violation was in 2015 and it is not the same as the most recent one. The most recent suspension involved water temperature and logs for the fin fish and eels. The fish were moved to a tank with the proper temperature. The manager called in their food consultant and they will perform a monthly audit. Corporate was also called in. If there are any more issues, they will be brought before the Board.
- All retail tobacco establishments permits have been renewed.
- She has been in constant contact with the restaurant owners to keep them updated on the Governor's orders.
- She has also been helping with contact tracing in MAVEN and vaccine clinic.

Dr. Weiner stated that there have been 37 COVID related issues in the last few weeks and asked if any of the issues warrant fines. Ms. Johnson replied no, they were more in the way of education and questions.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Health Agent's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, Ms. Welch and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (5-0-0)

Environmental Engineer

Ms. Mathis presented her report.

- She has been involved with COVID complaints and investigations. Including the reduced workforce percentages and reporting COVID positive employees to the Board of Health.
- She has also been working on the COVID vaccine clinics.

Ms. Welch asked what was the outcome of 210-212 Fox Hill sump pump discharge. Ms. Mathis replied that she did not witness any discharge.

Mr. McSweeney stated that he was very happy that he did not see any complaints from Life Time Fitness and he appreciates their efforts.



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Director of Public Health

Dr. Weiner stated that the Health Director's has been working so much that she will give an oral report.

Ms. Lumenello presented her oral report:

- They have held their first COVID vaccine clinic for first responders. They applied to Mass DPH to become a vaccination site. They use Prep Mod software so there are no paper copies anymore, everything is done electronically. They will vaccinate Burlington 1st Responders and MRC volunteers that are COVID facing then they will open it up to others in Phase I.
- They are getting a lot of phone calls from residents asking what to do when they are positive. The staff is working 100% and she appreciates all of their efforts.

Dr. Weiner stated that if the Board members are not using the Ipads, they should be turned into the office so they can be used for the clinics.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Director of Public Health's oral report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walendziewicz and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Ms. Walendziewicz, Dr. Saltsman, Ms. Welch and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (5-0-0)

Ms. Welch thanked the entire staff and Board members for all their dedication and hard work.

Ms. Walendziewicz thanked the staff and added that she will not be running for re-election.

Dr. Saltsman stated that it is a privilege to work on this Board and with this staff. He signed the order to get the COVID vaccines and thank Dr. Weiner for all of his work. He received the COVID vaccine today and he feels under the weather but reminded everyone that we need to stay vigilant, wear your mask, wash your hands, keep your social distance and get your flu shot.

Mr. McSweeney echoed the other Board members and stated that Dr. Weiner has gone above and beyond during this pandemic and he has been a mentor to him and represents the best of Burlington.

Dr. Weiner stated that he is so proud of everyone on this Board, the staff and MRC volunteers.

Ms. Welch left the meeting.

Adjourn

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 8:36 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, JANUARY 12, 2021

Agenda

Approval of Minutes: 11/24/2020 & 12/08/20

Citizen's Time: None

Chairman's Report: None

Subcommittee Reports: 60 Blanchard Road – Dated 12/22/20

Application:

- ***Special Permit and MEC – 60 Blanchard Road:*** Memo from GEI Consultants dated December 21, 2020, Memo from Riemer & Braunstein LLP dated November 24, 2020; Application for Special Permit dated November 24, 2020; Memo from Riemer & Braunstein LLP dated December 18, 2020 regarding the MEC and Application for MEC dated December 18, 2020

Discussion:

- ***2021 BOH Meeting Schedule:*** 2021 Meeting Schedule
- ***18 Hillsdale Avenue, Kennel Recommendation:*** Kennel Recommendation

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