



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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 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; and Sarah Courtemanche, Board of Health Admin.

Mr. McSweeney will chair the meeting and 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: None

Citizen's Time: No one called in.

Chairman's Report:

Dr. Weiner stated that this has been extremely hard and COVID is not going away. Dr. Weiner stated that we received approval at Town Meeting last night for the Associate Health Director and thanked the Ways and Means committee for their support. It passed 75 to 24. He is grateful for all of their employees, staff and Board members. Mr. McSweeney thanked Dr. Weiner for all his advocating for this position and it wouldn't have happened without his hard work. He thanked all different Board members who supported this position even in these economic times.

Dr. Weiner asked for an update on the vaccine. Ms. Lumenello stated that DPH has stated that Phase II will begin on February 1st. They have changed the priorities in Phase II including age 75+, then 65+ with 2 comorbidities, then workers in certain industries such as school, public health workers etc. They completed Phase I with giving 200 doses to first responders. There will be the 2nd dose available in 2 weeks. They are hoping to have more vaccines for Phase II, at least 800. They heard yesterday that DPH is only allowing the



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local Board's of Health to have 100 doses. We have a list of 75+ residents. They have partnered with the Council of Aging to help people sign up online.

Ms. Welch asked if the website will be linked to the Board of Health website. Ms. Lumenello replied they are not making it public because they want to control who can access the vaccine. They will put information on how to contact the Council on Aging on the website and when they sign up, they are signing up for both doses.

Mr. McSweeney asked when we get the 100 doses, do we automatically get the second dose? Ms. Lumenello stated that they were told that we will get the second doses automatically for every first dose but then it changed to where we had to order the second dose. People are not completely vaccinated until 1-2 weeks after the 2nd doses given. Dr. Weiner stated that this is so frustrating because they are ready to give 800 doses a day. Ms. Lumenello stated that the State may prioritize extra doses to areas hardest hit.

Subcommittee Reports: *None*

Application:

- ***Continued Application for Approval of a Special Permit and Application for Approval of a Minor Engineering Change – 60 Blanchard Road***

Ms. Mathis stated that Azzur leases out clean rooms to different companies but they maintain the centralized functions such as chemical inventory control, waste management, site access and security. They are a small hazardous waste generator but the individual tenants may require a BioSafety Level permit. In Waltham, 5 out of 6 of the existing tenants would require a permit from the Board of Health. They will have BSL-1 and BSL-2 only. There is also a Minor Engineering Change for curbing, paving and stormwater improvements including a swale. This is a downgradient property status and they did receive a memo from the LSP of record. They asked if a vapor barrier was required and he replied that the contamination is deep in the bedrock so a vapor barrier is not required. Ms. Mathis stated that there are 17 proposed conditions but #7 should be split so there will be a total of 18 conditions for approval.

Attorney Kristine Hung from Riemer & Braunstein LLP, Frank DiPietro from BSC Group and Christine Kressiner, and Paul Paldino appeared for the Special Permits for 60 Blanchard Road. Attorney Hung stated that they have received the draft conditions and are agreeable to all the proposed conditions.

Mr. McSweeney stated that they didn't discuss the outside changes and asked if what they are proposing is better for the storm water. Ms. Mathis replied yes, that stormwater improvements are part of the Minor Engineering Change. Mr. DiPietro stated that the Conservation has requested sloped granite curbing on the west side of the property. That is the only change from last meeting. Mr. McSweeney asked what determines a Minor Engineering Change. Ms. Mathis replied that a MEC is for when there are minor changes to a Special Permit that deal with utilities including alterations to storm water and gas lines, concrete pads, parking lots and minor exterior modifications to buildings.

There were no questions from the audience.

MOTION: Dr. Weiner moved to approve the Special Permit and Minor Engineering Change for 60 Blanchard Road with the proposed conditions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously



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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

Environmental Engineer

Ms. Mathis presented her report.

- She has been involved with COVID complaints and investigations dealing with employers including positive employee protocol. The employers are supposed to notify the Board of Health but some don't. We need to interview employees for close contact. A lot of employers are handling contact tracing themselves.
- She has also been working on the COVID vaccine clinics.

Ms. Welch what is the next step for 18 Terry Ave. Ms. Mathis stated that DEP has notified the owner. They found chlorinated VOCs in the ground water. They believe 179 Cambridge Street could be the source. His LSP is currently looking at potentially getting a downgradient property status. Ms. Welch asked what the Weston Roux report is. Ms. Mathis stated that is an environmental report that samples and provides baseline reports for the wells from the Burlington Mall to Lift Time Fitness on Middlesex Turnpike. Weston is the LSP of record on the Macon site so they review the reports.

Mr. McSweeney asked what the outcome of 12 Harris Drive was. Ms. Mathis stated that the neighbor inquired about the activity. They are actually installing a robust storm water system to help alleviate water in this area.

MOTION: Ms. Walendziewicz moved to approve the Environmental Engineer's report. 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)

Director of Public Health

Ms. Lumenello presented her report:

- They have been working on the COVID vaccine clinics.
- The case management numbers for COVID have been going down. She wanted to thank the residents that call the office when they get a positive result. It helps with getting people to quarantine quicker.
- They have been working with the schools and there have been a few cases. She has created a form letter to give to parents explaining the quarantine protocol.

Mr. McSweeney stated that we also have the Supervisory Nurse, Health Agent and Associate Health Inspector report to review.

Dr. Weiner stated that there have been several COVID vaccine clinics and Ms. Lumenello has attended 25 major meetings since Christmas on top of all her regular duties.



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MOTION: Ms. Welch 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, Ms. Welch and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (5-0-0)

MOTION: Ms. Walendziewicz moved to approve the Supervisory Nurse's report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman 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)

MOTION: Dr. Weiner moved to approve the Health Agent's report. 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)

MOTION: Ms. Walendziewicz moved to approve the Associate Health Inspector's report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman 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)

Adjourn

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:55 PM. The motion was seconded by Dr. Weiner 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)

*Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Cathcart,
Recording Clerk*



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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

Agenda

Approval of Minutes: None

Citizen's Time: None

Chairman's Report: None

Subcommittee Reports: None

Application:

- ***Special Permit and MEC – 60 Blanchard Road:*** Memo from C. Mathis dated January 26, 2021, Email from J. Nash dated 01/19/21, Subcommittee Report dated December 22, 2020, GEI Consultants dated December 21, 2020, Life Safety Plan from e4h, MEC plan from BSC Group dated December 16, 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

Staff Reports: Environmental Engineer's Report, Supervisory Nurse's Report, Health Agent's Report, Associate Health Inspector's Report and Director of Public Health's Report