



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

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

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

Board Members Absent: Maribeth Welch and Andrea Sheehan

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.

Dr. Saltsman 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 it has been over a year since we started remote meetings and preparing and chairing remote meetings is not easy and we are all in this together. COVID has required us to put part of our lives on hold but the Board of Health has continued to provide protection to the residents of Burlington. Dr. Weiner welcomed our new admin, Michele Nichol.

Variance:

XGolf, 10 Wall Street – External Grease Interceptor

Ms. Johnson stated that this project is indoor golf simulation with food service. The food is pre-cooked, frozen and reheated onsite. They are requesting a variance from Section 4, Part A to not install an external grease interceptor. She recommends approval with one condition.



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Dr. Weiner stated that even though this may not be a large food user, there still could be FOG (fats, oil and grease) that can cause a problem in the sewer system. The equipment should be cleaned and the logs maintained and up to date.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman made a motion to approve the variance request for XGolf, 10 Wall Street for an External Grease Interceptor with the one condition. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Dr. Saltsman and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (3-0-0)

John Langevin from XGolf Burlington appeared for the variance. Ms. Langevin stated that they are ready to begin construction. This was the former Chuck E Cheese site and they are taking about 5,500 SF. There are currently 30 XGolf locations in the US and they hope to have 50 by the end of the year. There is currently a location in Wayland, MA.

Discussion:

● ***Reorganization of the Board of Health***

Dr. Weiner stated that he is going to postpone the reorganization until there is a full board at the next meeting. Mr. McSweeney stated he feels it is important to reorganize as soon as we can.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman made a motion to postpone the reorganization of the Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Dr. Saltsman and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (3-0-0)

Staff Reports

Health Agent

Ms. Johnson presented her report.

- There will be a virtual pool operator seminar tomorrow afternoon. This will cover COVID requirements, water testing, etc.
- The inspections of food trucks have started.
- The food establishment inspections will be completed by May. They have visited each establishment at least once during the last year. In July, they will be back on their routine and will be doing at least 2 inspections of each establishment per year.
- In June, they will be focusing on pool and camp inspections.

Dr. Saltsman stated that guidance for indoor pools is not on the CDC website. Ms. Johnson stated that there are guidelines under the DPH website and we can set up a link on our website. Most of the facilities are reserving time for pool use and the spas/hot tubs and specialty pools are set to open back up on August 1st depending on the current data.

Mr. McSweeney asked how the new restaurant Parm is going and restaurants in general. Ms. Johnson stated that the Burlington Mall is a hotbed for restaurants and Parm is going in there. Her only concern is the



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corporate cafes because most are still closed and she doesn't know if they will reopen. Dr. Saltsman thanked the community partners in the restaurant business for all they have done.

MOTION: Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Health Agent's report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Dr. Saltsman and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (3-0-0)

Environmental Engineer

Ms. Mathis presented her report.

- A COVID safe Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for this Saturday, May 1st at the Francis Wyman School. The information is up on the website.

Mr. McSweeney asked if we received the list of hazardous material from Northeastern. Ms. Mathis replied yes, they have received the list. Ms. Lumenello stated that she has reached out to Town Counsel regarding who is responsible for an emergency response and she is looking into it.

Dr. Weiner asked if mosquito spraying had started. Ms. Mathis replied she believed it started last week.

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, Dr. Saltsman and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (3-0-0)

Director of Public Health

Dr. Weiner stated that the Director's report will include the Supervisory Nurse and Associate Health Inspector's report.

Dr. Saltsman stated that the flu season is coming to an end and asked what the final tally was for vaccine. Ms. Lumenello stated that they do have more than the 20% reimbursement that is being returned.

Ms. Lumenello presented her report:

- The State will be expanding the COVID standards but she doesn't know when or how.
- They have reached over 300 Burlington MRC volunteers during this pandemic.

Mr. McSweeney asked when the high school will reopen. Ms. Lumenello stated that they reopened this week. The cases are going down and they will be going over the Governor's new dates with DESE.

Dr. Weiner stated that he heard there were parties that were creating COVID clusters. Ms. Lumenello replied that is speculation from the High School but there has been no direct knowledge.

MOTION: Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Director of Public Health report which included Supervisory Nurse, and Associate Health Inspector's reports. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Dr. Saltsman and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (3-0-0)



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Dr. Weiner expressed our thoughts and prayers for the people of India and our community members who have families in India that are dealing with COVID.

Dr. Saltsman reminded residents to remain diligent and wash their hands, wear their masks and social distance.

Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. McSweeney moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:41 PM. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. McSweeney, Dr. Saltsman and Dr. Weiner voted in favor. (3-0-0)

*Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Cathcart,
Recording Clerk*



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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

Agenda

Approval of Minutes: None

Citizen's Time: None

Chairman's Report: None

Variance:

- *XGolf, 10 Wall Street, External Grease Interceptor* – 4/27/21 Memo from M. Johnson, Menu, Variance Application dated 4/10/21

Discussion:

- *Reorganization of the Board of Health* – None

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