



TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MA
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
TOWN HALL MAIN MEETING ROOM

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

Board Members Present: Ed Weiner, PhD, Chairman; David McSweeney, Vice Chairman (attending remotely); Gayle Damore; Andrea Sheehan, and Maribeth Welch

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Susan Lumenello, REHS/RS, CHMM, Director of Public Health; Michael Greene, Associate Health Director, and Christine Mathis, Environmental Engineer

I. Open Meeting/Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Weiner called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. Welch made a motion to approve the Board of Health minutes of February 28, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Damore and voted 5-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes, Ms. Damore voted Yes, Ms. Welch voted Yes, and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

III. Citizen's Time:

There were no citizens coming forward.

IV. Chairman's Report:

Dr. Weiner thanked Director Lumenello who accompanied me at Town Meeting last evening where our 2024 budget was approved, as well as our Board of Health revolving account. I want to thank both the Town Meeting members and the Capital Budget Committee for their confidence in this Board. As a reminder, the Board of Health will be hosting our annual Health Fair on May 20, 2023, and Household Hazardous Waste Day on June 3, 2023.

V. Subcommittee Reports:

Board of Health Public Participation Policy Update



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Ms. Sheehan stated that at the last meeting we stated that we would have a subcommittee meeting and have reached out to members in the community. We will have a formal meeting scheduled for tomorrow to review the policy and potential changes.

VI. Staff Reports:

Environmental Engineer

Ms. Mathis presented her report.

- Household Hazardous Waste Day is June 3, 2023 at Fox Hill Elementary School
 - A sign will be posted at Francis Wyman (the normal venue) to redirect anyone over to Fox Hill
- All Hazardous Materials Storage Permits for the year are finished

Ms. Welch inquired about a job analysis questionnaire. Ms. Mathis replied that it was for all non-union management positions in the town. Ms. Welch then asked if the feedback is shared publicly. It was a study that the Town Administrator brought to the Town Meeting to look and see if any changes needed to be made to the AMP Plan.

Dr. Weiner asked if there was an ancient laboratory that would be disposing of some historic materials on Household Hazardous Waste Day and would it be possible to save some of those materials. Ms. Mathis replied that it was a personal collection of a retired chemical engineer, and I did put the question to our hazardous materials vendor, and they are checking in to see if we could decant as well as retain some of the bottles.

Dr. Weiner stated that I went by the small shopping plaza (111 Middlesex Turnpike) where we had the flooded parking lot. It was very flooded with water bubbling up through the catch basin like a geyser. Are we going to be looking at that at any point. Ms. Lumenello replied that I had reached out to them in April, and they said that they were working on cleaning out the catch basin in May. We're asking them to appear before the Board in June and provide an update on the situation.

MOTION: Ms. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Environmental Engineer's report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Damore and voted 5-0-0. On a roll cate vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes, Ms. Damore voted Yes, Ms. Welch voted Yes, and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

Associate Director of Public Health

Mr. Greene presented his report.

- Our annual Health Fair is on May 20, 2023 at the Burlington High School.



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Dr. Weiner asked how many vendors are going to be present at the Health Fair. Mr. Greene replied at least 57 vendors.

MOTION: Ms. Welch made a motion to approve the Associate Director of Public Health's report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheehan and voted 5-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes, Ms. Damore voted Yes, Ms. Welch voted Yes, and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

Director of Public Health

Ms. Lumenello presented her report.

Dr. Weiner asked about a keeping of animal complaint in the Associate Health Inspector's report. Ms. Lumenello replied that someone followed up with a person who had a permit in the area, but it ended up not being a rooster, rather it was a rooster recording.

Ms. Lumenello stated that the Community Assessment Report came back from DPH. What I'm tasked with is to use the results of this assessment and, based on that, do a work plan for FY24. Ms. Lumenello then stated that the majority of the beginning part of the work plan is going to assign the community outreach person with making contacts, getting resources, as well as getting to know each community.

Ms. Welch asked if the part-time personnel schedules are flexible or a set number of hours. Ms. Lumenello replied that they could flex, but I prefer that they work the same days.

Mr. McSweeney asked if we have an existing bylaw regarding outdoor seating guidelines. Ms. Lumenello replied that it was a bylaw passed by Town Meeting. Based on that bylaw, Economic Development Director, Melisa Tintocalis, put together a document that could be given to establishments to guide them on how to do outdoor seating. This document was distributed and after we looked at it we had some concerns around the grease trap requirements. We brought this to their attention and we're working with them on it.

Dr. Weiner stated that next year is the 225th anniversary of the Town of Burlington and asked if the Board of Health had any requests to get involved. Ms. Lumenello replied not yet.

Dr. Weiner then stated that Robert Goldstein is the new Director of Public Health for Massachusetts, and sometime this June or July I'm going to ask for a meeting with him.

MOTION: Ms. Sheehan made a motion to approve the Director of Public Health's report (includes the Health Agent and Associate Health Inspector's Reports). The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and voted 5-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes, Ms. Damore voted Yes, Ms. Welch voted Yes, and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

VII. Adjourn:



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MOTION: Ms. Welch made a motion to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheehan and voted 5-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes, Ms. Damore voted Yes, Ms. Welch voted Yes, and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

*Respectfully Submitted by Eric Bergeron,
Recording Clerk*



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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

- I. Open Meeting/Pledge of Allegiance/Agenda**
- II. Approval of Minutes:** February 28, 2023 Board of Health Minutes
- III. Citizen's Time:** None
- IV. Chairman's Report:** None
- VI. Staff Reports:** Environmental Engineer's Report, Associate Director of Public Health's Report, and Director of Public Health's Report (Includes Health Agent's Report and Associate Health Inspector reports)
- VII. Adjourn:** None