



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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

**Board Members Present:** Ed Weiner, PhD, Chairman; David McSweeney, Vice Chairman; Gayle Damore; and Andrea Sheehan

**Board Members Absent:** Maribeth Welch

**Staff Members Present:** Michael Greene, Associate Health Director

**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:**

No minutes to approve.

**III. Chairman's Report:**

Dr. Weiner stated that Saturday, September 17, 2022 will be Household Hazardous Waste Day and Sunday, September 18, 2022 will be Truck Day. Many Burlington Volunteer Reserve Corps meetings and trainings will happen in the next few months, including Stop The Bleed and Psychiatric Emergencies. If you have any interest in taking part, please contact the Board of Health. Dr. Weiner added that September 26 – 27, 2022 is the Jewish New Year and that the Board of Health wishes the whole community and our Jewish citizens in Burlington a happy and healthy new year.

**IV. Citizen's Time:**

There were no citizen's coming forward.

**V. Permits:**

***Keeping of Animals – 13 Overlook Avenue***

Heather Devlin of 13 Overlook Avenue appeared for the permit.

Mr. Greene stated that Ms. Hardy, Associate Health Inspector, did the inspection on August 30, 2022. The coop is sized appropriately for four (4) chickens with an attached run. The feed for the chickens will be stored inside a shed to prevent pests, and manure will be stored in a tight container and disposed of in the



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weekly trash. All setbacks for the location of the coop were met. Mr. Greene stated that the Board of Health staff recommends to the Board to vote to grant the permit for 13 Overlook Avenue.

Dr. Weiner asked Ms. Devlin why she wants chickens. Ms. Devlin replied that she grew up with chickens and wants to introduce her grandchildren to chickens.

Mr. McSweeney stated that it appears that all the neighbors or abutters have been notified, and I'm assuming we didn't get notified in the office. Mr. Greene replied stating that the Board received no notifications.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney made a motion to grant the permit for 13 Overlook Avenue for the keeping of 4 chickens. The motion was seconded by Ms. Damore and voted 4-0-0.

**VI. Staff Reports:**

Dr. Weiner stated that the Environmental Engineer and Director of Public Health are not present tonight and both reports should be postponed.

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney made a motion to postpone the Environmental Engineer's report and Director of Public Health's report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheehan and voted 4-0-0.

***Associate Director of Public Health***

Mr. Greene presented his report which included the Health Agent, Associate Health Inspector, and Supervisory Nurse.

Dr. Weiner acknowledged former Board member, Dr. Wayne Saltsman, who continues to volunteer on behalf of the Town as the Board of Health Medical Director.

Mr. McSweeney asked what the date was for the flu clinic. Mr. Greene replied that it is on October 22, 2022 from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

Mr. McSweeney then asked about a violation of the Town of Burlington Board of Health Private Well Regulations. Mr. Greene replied that the Board of Health received a complaint about sprinkling during the water ban (which prohibits watering of lawns by any means). The citizen received a reminder notice.

- Mr. McSweeney and Dr. Weiner both stated that we don't proactively monitor wells for usage, rather we work off complaints only. If a situation arises, please address that to the selectmen.

Ms. Damore asked whether there was a vape shop closure. Mr. Greene replied that one of the vape shops received a 30-day suspension for one of the violations found during a state crackdown.

Dr. Weiner inquired about the issue around Valvoline oil. Mr. Greene replied that the investigation was part of the Board's Hazardous Material Registration Inspections. There was an ancillary note stating that they had 55-gallon drums, but that was just for treating and picking up anything outside the tank space.



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**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Associate Director of Public Health reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheehan and voted 4-0-0.

**VIII. Adjourn:**

**MOTION:** Mr. McSweeney moved to adjourn the Board of Health regular meeting at 7:17 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheehan and voted 4-0-0.

*Respectfully Submitted by Eric Bergeron,  
Recording Clerk*



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**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

**I. Open Meeting/Pledge of Allegiance/Agenda**

**II. Approval of Minutes:** None

**III. Citizen's Time:** None

**IV. Chairman's Report:** None

**V. Permits:**

***Keeping of Animals – 13 Overlook Avenue***

9/13/22 S. Hardy Permit Request; 8/12/22 Permit Application for Keeping of Animals; 8/13/22 H. Devlin letter; 13 Overlook Avenue Site Drawing; 8/16/22 S. Hardy appearance letter; 8/16/22 S. Hardy memo

**VII. Staff Reports:** Associate Director of Public Health's Report (Includes Health Agent, Associate Health Inspector, and Supervising Nurse Reports)

**VIII. Adjourn:** None