

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES  
TOWN BUILDING- HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICE  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., present were Arne Soslow, M. D. (AS), John G. Schuler, M. D., (JS) and Susan E. Green, Chair (SG). Also present were Julia Junghanns, (JJ) Director of Public Health and Patti White, Department Assistant.

**7:10 p.m. Public Comment** Peggy Patton, 43 Plain Rd. is looking to get on a future agenda for a discussion regarding 5G technology. Patricia Burke (PB) will speak to the 5G technology; she has been working with Peggy Patton (PP) since 2013. The document being read by Patricia Burke was presented at meeting (document attached) PP: Over the past 20 years, there have been as many as 2000 studies done regarding the biological effects of wireless radiation which have received very little press. A committee for the Hanscom area group HATS (Hanscom area town selectmen -Bedford, Concord, Lexington and Lincoln) have bonded together to try to block the technology. JS: It will be difficult to fight, the 5 G technology is what will be leading the self-driving cars and technology robotic and drone advancements. These are huge entities and organizations that have government buy in for communication improvements. AS: what is presently happening in Wayland? PP: Verizon has applied to construct a tower at the Rod and Gun club that was approved by the ZBA with conditions, it is expected that 5G will be added to these towers. A Wayland resident whose property abuts the Rod and Gun club has sued the town regarding the proposed tower at the Rod and gun club. AS: What can we do? PP: Stop 5g from coming to Wayland. AS: Does the Board feel there is additional info needed to speak to this issue? We should discuss if additional information is provided. I am open to receiving new information and would like to see a 5yr moratorium on the small cell/5G additional pieces until there is more information. SG: Other than the FCC who else has information? I don't feel we have enough info to take one side or another at this point. I would like to see a board analysis of literature to evaluate and help with understanding. PP: the Bio-initiative report is excellent with a lot of information regarding wireless.

**8:15 p.m. Local Limited Food Retail Regulations- adopt regulation to expand the definition of Food Establishment to include those retailers that offer only prepackaged food that are not time/temperature controlled for food safety.**

SG: Did you receive any public comment after the public hearing? JJ: no

**SG: Motion to adopt the local limited food reg. AS second. Vote 3-0 all in favor**

**7:20 p.m. Discuss Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Article: Loker Turf Field –**

JJ reviewed all the files and memo's to refresh her memory, including the new review letter from LSP (Licensed Site Professional) Ben Gould. Conservation had done a lot of work regarding the stormwater review. JJ had concerns regarding the septic system that remains onsite. Based on what she has seen and reviewed, she does not believe that the design and installation of the proposed field will encounter the old septic components that remain in place. Should there be a need to shift the field, the proposed parking area or the stormwater location, we should be kept informed and involved with any changes to the layout. The developers must return to the Health Department for consultation before going forward. AS: I want to be certain that experts will be watching closely as the work is taking place. JJ: The Town has a Project Manager who we expect to be overseeing the project. AS: Please be sure that there is a written understanding and sign offs are adhered to, nothing outside the original scope is to be done without the review of the Health Dept.

JJ: Ben Gould will be speaking at the BoS meeting this evening regarding his comprehensive review as the LSP for this project. SG: He seemed to refer to info different from Dan Hill's comments/concerns. JJ: The Planning board members will be in attendance. JS: Have the exit/entrance issues for public safety access on Rice Road been resolved? JJ: I am not sure what the current status of your question is, I will see if I can find out. The neighbors around the area of this property had created a PIP (Public Information Policy) when the site was cleaned up after "Dow" closed and there are files of binders with reports with the questions they had raised.

**7:45 p.m. Recess from BoH meeting to attend BoS meeting: Discuss Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Article: Loker Turf Field. Review and discuss outstanding environmental questions with Benson Gould, Principal, CMG Environmental, Inc., Licensed Site Professional and potential vote to insert in Warrant and vote Board position: discussion on Loker field review**

The Board of Selectmen has compiled a list of questions raised by residents about this project. These questions were sent to Ben Gould, LSP from CMG Engineering Services. Mr. Gould was hired by the town as an LSP to do a comprehensive review of reports and documents related to the former Dow chemical site which is the proposed location of the Loker Recreational field. The list of questions and Mr. Gould's answers are attached to these minutes.

The link below is for WayCam recordings, the BOS meeting date of 2-10-2020 and the discussion starts at 1:07 into the recording

<https://www.waycam.tv/government-on-demand>

**8:15p.m. Reconvene BoH meeting**

**Update on draft comprehensive model Private Refuse Hauler Regulations and project intern**

After reading up on the proposed regulation changes, JJ felt this was a bigger project than expected, so she reached out to Regis College, who had contacted us looking for a project for a student in the Public Health field. They notified us that they found an intern that could work with BOH on this project; the intern will be doing a more intensive research into the whole haulers process, how things currently work, where haulers are dumping their collected waste, state and town regulations, etc. Disposal costs have become a big issue for waste haulers for both trash and recycling. JS: Does the state have information regarding this issue? SG: the state has regulations we just have to familiarize ourselves. JJ: Part of what the intern will be doing is researching the regulations and how the state handles/oversees municipal waste, interpreting their programs/regulations, recycling, disposal and residential. The inquiry from DPW began last year in late spring/early summer with questions regarding our Refuse Hauler Regulations. DPW gets points (cash) for certain criteria and the state would like to see this expanded in our regulations. JJ will be going to some DEP seminars this spring and it is expected that there may be information on the new state hauler regulations coming out. AS: Septic haulers are licensed by the town? JJ: The town licenses septic haulers and we are notified regarding where they dump their waste, the state requires that to be reported to us when they pump residences.

**8:25 pm. Review letter sent to Business Owner and Licensee for septic installations and septage hauling – Ryan Boyd**

SG: this company has not been submitting reports? JJ: We have recently received some; we have no way to know how many are missing. Patti White has been referencing property being sold, if there is no report, we request a copy. JJ: This is not a typical situation as we receive information, Staff has been compiling information, we have called and emailed Mr. Boyd to try to resolve this with no reply and have been advised that several other towns in the area are experiencing the same issue. SG: So far you have just phoned and emailed? JJ: In the letter I will be sending there will be a date to appear, if he does not comply, then something stricter will follow. Title 5 inspectors are licensed by the state, so this is really a state issue; staff has spoken to the state. AS: Do we need to be strict and contact the state? JJ: DM spoke with Claire Golden (DEP) and with another person who handles most of Title 5 licenses. This is creating a difficult situation for homeowners (buyers and sellers) JJ spoke with a Boyd septic employee who dropped off some reports, and told him that Ryan needs to contact the office regarding outstanding reports. SG: Please look at what your regulatory authority is and state that in the letter. AS: You should copy the state contact who oversees the T-5 license. JJ will send the letter and will advise the Board if he does not respond.

**8:30 p.m. Update of PFAS and Conference March 31/April 1 (Framingham Sheraton)**

SG and JJ are attending a conference in March/April. SG: I am a prior employee of Northeast Waste Management Officials Association, Inc. (NEMOA) there will be a lot of New England, New Jersey and New York speakers to describe issues, remediation and prevention. This will be a good opportunity to get educated on

this emerging problem. There are new standards from DEP for testing drinking water, more strict than the Federal standards. JS: How does this effect Wayland? JJ: The town wells were tested; I believe the tests were using the old threshold and new tests will be done with the new thresholds. With the new numbers, if towns are out of compliance the state will require updates of drinking water treatment facilities. The town of Littleton was being ordered to update their water treatment plant costing the town millions of dollars. AS: When will we know the current Wayland status relative to the new more stringent standards? JJ: I know the Water Superintendent tested the monitoring wells at WHS and they did find PFAS that was below the old threshold, the new testing (with lower thresholds) is in process. AS: Is that leaching off the artificial turf? JJ: It has been mentioned that this might be an issue from the crumb rubber infill. We will be working on a future mailing to residents in the town with potable (drinking water) wells I have contacted DEP for template letter. JS: Has bottled water been tested? JJ: I do remember certain bottled water has been tested, but don't recall the brands, it can probably be looked up online.

**8:40 p.m. Update and discussion: Coronavirus and Directors report.**

JJ and RM are working to keep informed through updates from the state; we are hoping to this will not develop into a local issue. CDC has put in place protocols for cruise ships and planes returning from China. AS: add line that mentions "reduce finger food mouth maneuvers".

LEP (Local Emergency Planning) emergency planning, - Ruth and Julia attended a tabletop exercise in Sudbury on January 29<sup>th</sup> that was initiated by Region 4AB Public Health to address improving our local plans to provide vaccine to our critical/front line municipal staff during an emergency or pandemic. This would be through Health Department emergency plans and by practicing Emergency dispensing site drills. From hearing what other towns are doing, Wayland is advanced in this area. Our large flu clinics are essentially an emergency dispensing site exercise as well as all our preparation work for the clinics. We have streamlined our processes over the past 7 years and things are run very well, we are automated with a paperless check in system that is way advanced compared to other towns. We do need to update some of our documentation but we have done a lot of work to streamline our EDS (Emergency Dispensing Site) processes.

Subdivision regulations- Our local BoH Regulations are very old and in need up updating, JJ recently spoke with Fred King (recently retired) and he said he would have time to do this work. He did the stormwater regulations for the Conservation Dept (that are needed for the Stormwater Bylaw). Petitioners (residents) who are looking to eliminate the Wayland stormwater Bylaw have written an article for the Town Warrant for spring town meeting.

Staff has heard that a Private School is looking at the property at 164/168 Cochituate Rd. (rt. 27) located past Woodridge Rd. on the right side just past Yeager way.

Measles Update - Ruth has developed updated information regarding adult measles vaccinations, the live virus was introduced in 1963. Board Chair Susan Green, who initiated this outreach/communication, will assist with final edits. Once complete the information will be places on the Health Dept. website and provided to our media sources. SG informed the Board that there is an adult age group that was not correctly vaccinated between the years of 1957 to 1963. AS: There is a group of adults that will need to have testing done to find if they are at risk.

**8:50 p.m. General Business**

**Approve bills – have been signed**

Approve minutes of December 9, 2019 - Edits done 2/10/19 per SG.

**SG: motion to approve the minutes of December 9, as amended. Second. JS vote 3-0**

Town email use - let staff know if you are having issues connecting with your town email account.

Nomination paper deadline for submission is Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, SG and AS will be ready to submit.

Updates on development projects, if any- there were none.  
Set next meeting date – March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**9:10 p.m.        SG: Motion to adjourn second JS vote 3-0**

Respectfully submitted  
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