

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
May 24, 2021
TOWN BUILDING

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Present by remote roll call were John G.Schuler M. D. (JS), Arne Soslow, M. D. (AS), Brian McNamara (BM), Robert DeFrancesco (RD) Susan Green (SG) Chair, Julia Junghanns, (JJ) Director of Public Health, Ruth Mori MSN, RN (RM) Public Health Nurse/School Nurse Leader

RD: Roll call to open meeting: JS – yes, BM RD-yes, SG – yes

SG: In compliance with revised Open Meeting Law requirements, we will live stream the meeting on WayCAM, Public Comments will be received by phone at 508-358-6814 for this meeting. The phone number will be active during the public comment portion of the meeting. Thank you in advance for your patience; we intend to address all calls that come in during the public comment period.

5:30 p.m. Covid-19 updates, Governor’s announcements on reopening

RM says cases are going down. There were 10 new cases as of May 14th. There is no one on the active case load right now; everyone has cleared. We partnered with Pelmed pharmacy to run a Pfizer vaccine clinic at Wayland High School this coming week. There will be just enough time to provide two doses before the end of school. They provide the vaccine and pre-draw, we provide admin and vaccinators. This pharmacy is doing clinics in many towns for students aged 12 and up. We hope to get good participation to boost our numbers. JS: Asked what is going on with the extra-curricular activities pooled testing requirement. JJ has not heard back from the town counsel with results. There is also considering mandatory testing for the Senior Dance.

5:38 Dr. Arne Soslow has joined the meeting.

JS: Made a motion to thank Dr. Unobskey for all his hard work and time spent during the COVID pandemic keeping the schools safe and running. AS: Second. JS – yes, AS-yes, RD-yes, SG – yes

JJ reviewed Governor Baker's newest COVID guidelines regarding gatherings and masks. RD said there will be a lot more information by the end of this week (May 29th) from Governor Baker, before setting the requirements for the Senior Dance.

5:45 p.m. PFAS updates

JJ: reviewed the May 21st memorandum issued by Louise Miller that was JJ shared with the BoH. Short-term solution (filtration of town water) will be implemented in July '21. JS: Asked about results from the monitoring wells at the high school.

5:45 Brian McNamara joined the meeting.

There is a three phased approach for sampling and looking for potential sources of contamination. JJ spoke with C. Mark Smith whose group at MA DEP developed the PFAS regulation. He will be available to spend time with our board discussing how they developed the regulation. The regulation was a risk management decision taking into account other potential exposure to PFAS in addition to drinking water. JS: Asked if Mark Smith has any opinion what the contribution of the turf fields may be to PFAS in groundwater. JJ and SG will talk with the PFAS working group if the results of the monitoring wells vis-a-vis the turf field. AS and JS: Do the monitoring wells measure run off from the turf fields?

6:05 p.m. 8 York Road, Animal Keeping permit to keep chickens, owners Beau Morley and Jack Fountain

Requesting a variance from the 150' distance requirement to the nearest neighbor. The variance is for 110' instead. They live in a rural, wooded area. Will have a caged run with no roosters.

AS: Made a motion to authorize a permit for keeping chickens with the understanding that the abutter who is within 110' supports the chicken coops. SG: second. JS – yes, AS-yes, RD-yes, SG – yes, BM- yes

6:15 p.m. 84 Riverview Circle – Addition of >60% with septic system that had local upgrade waivers, owner Sean and Caitlin Ahern, Douglas Sacra of Maple Hill Architects

The septic system was installed in 2005 and is working but it has not been tested. The variance is for more living space but not adding any new bedrooms. There are three bedrooms. 1,374 sq ft. to 2596 sq ft. AS: Asked if JJ is comfortable. JJ: They are not adding flow and is in compliance with Title V. The applicants prefer to keep their garage to be a rectangle and not pulled back to meet the 10' distance setback from the septic field. JJ: In the new Local Regulations that are being developed, if you upgrade the septic system, then she said there won't be a limit of 60% addition like in the current regulations.

BM: Made a motion to approve the plan as submitted for 84 Riverview Circle for the addition on the house exceeding the 60% limit because the septic system was already updated. JS: second. JS – yes, AS-yes, RD-yes, SG – yes, BM- yes

6:29 p.m. Update on mosquito control

JJ: Participated in the executive mosquito committee meeting for our region. The mosquito season so far this year is similar to last season, though a little drier currently. The state is looking at the new species of mosquitos in our area and what possible new diseases they may be carrying. These new mosquitoes may be a result of climate change. Will do catch basin treatments with the pellets soon (done by EMMCP). The helicopter spraying for larva didn't occur this year due to weather/wind and schedule conflicts with the helicopter. There is a Statewide Mosquito Task Force looking at mosquito control in the state of Mass and will review and make recommendations for best practices/protocols/guidelines. This was not well communicated to Local Health. They put out an opt-out for state spraying, this would be for when there is elevated risk due to of EEE. Wayland Selectman voted not to opt-out this year. The

East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project may switch type of pesticides for truck mounted spraying.

6:37 p.m. Update on Veritas Christian Academy transitional use at 164-168 Cochituate Road

One of the homes was torn down but kept the septic system for another building on the property (plans in the future to use for the academy). The septic system was connected to the other building. The plan for the academy is to raise money by some events and see how it goes before they start using the building as a school.

6:40 p.m. General business, bills, minutes 5/10/21, 8/31/20, 9/9/20, 9/16/20, discuss in person meeting

JS: Move that we accept the bills as submitted this week. AS: second. JS – yes, AS-yes, RD-yes, SG – yes, BM- yes

BM: Motion to accept the 5/10/21 meeting minutes. JS: second. JS – yes, AS-yes, RD-yes, SG – yes, BM- yes

BM: Motion to accept the 8/31/20 meeting minutes. JS: second. JS – yes, AS-yes, RD-yes, SG – yes, BM- yes

BM: Motion to accept the 9/9/20 meeting minutes. JS: second. JS – yes, AS-yes, RD-yes, SG – yes, BM- yes

AS: Motion to accept the 9/16/20 meeting minutes. BM: second. JS – yes, AS-yes, RD-yes, SG – yes, BM- yes

JJ wants to discuss meeting in person. After June 15th, the State of Emergency is projected to end and we may not be able to meet via Zoom. AS: Asked how we would manage our own environment with public coming to the meeting. JJ: There have not been decisions on town building use after the reopening of the state. Will be looking into other meeting spaces other than being in the Health Department room. Maybe we would meet in larger rooms where there is more space and better ventilation.

June 14th, July 12th, August 23rd next meeting dates

6:53 p.m. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting, if any

6:54 p.m. Public comment

No public comments.

JS: Motion to adjourn the meeting, second BM roll call JS yes AS yes BM yes RD yes SG yes.

Adjourned

As submitted by Board of Health member Susan Green

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