



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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

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

Board Members Absent: Maribeth Welch

Staff Members Present: Susan Lumenello, REHS/RS, CHMM, Director of Public Health; Christine Paulik, Supervisory Nurse; and 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. This meeting is being held remotely due to the renovation of the meeting room.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Sheehan joined the meeting at 7:03 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes: 01/25/2022

Dr. Weiner stated that there is one correction, on page 4, the motion by Dr. Saltsman should state “mask advisory” not “mask mandate”.

MOTION: Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Board of Health minutes of January 25, 2022 as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Dr. Saltsman voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

III. Citizen's Time:

There were no citizen's coming forward.

IV. Chairman's Report:

Dr. Weiner stated that he continues to acknowledge and thank the Board of Health members and staff, Town Departments and BCAT for their continuing effort to keep the citizens of Burlington safe. Things are getting better and hopefully the pandemic is coming to an end and things will be returning to normal. The Board of Health and Staff continued to do the normal public health work all during the pandemic.

Dr. Saltsman stated that the Boston Globe had an article on the tribulations and stress on Board of Health members and staff through the State due to the pandemic and he offered his and our support to fellow Boards of Health. Our citizens were fair and we had great discussions during the pandemic.

V. Applications



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4 Burlington Woods Drive – Application for Approval of a Minor Engineering Change & Application for Approval of a Special Permit

Scott Weiss from the Gutierrez Group appeared for the application at 4 Burlington Woods Drive.

Mr. Greene stated that the existing building was built in 2019. There are 3 tenants for the building and each tenant will be responsible for their own hazardous waste and the Gutierrez Group will handle the PH neutralizer.

Mr. Weiss stated that renovation is underway for the interior of the building. There will be three different tenants and we manage the centralized wastewater. The 4-story building has parking under and the PH neutralizer system is in the basement with the parking and this required a MWRA permit.

Dr. Weiner asked if the system is alarmed. Mr. Weiss replied yes, it is alarmed locally and it sends out texts and phone messages.

Mr. McSweeney asked what permit is required from the MWRA. Mr. Weiss stated that they require a discharge permit for PH neutralizer. Mr. Green stated that he just did an inspection at Azzur that is very similar.

Dr. Weiner stated that this is a Minor Engineering Change and Special Permit. Mr. Weiss replied that is correct. The changes outside include a loading dock so both are required. There will also be bollards around the liquid nitrogen tanks.

MOTION: Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the application for the Minor Engineering Change and Special Permit for 4 Burlington Woods Drive with the proposed conditions. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Dr. Saltsman voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

27 Network Drive – Application for Approval of a Special Permit

Attorney Robert Buckley from Reimer and Braunstein, Todd Fremont-Smith from Nordblom and Sarah Cottet from the Broad Institute.

Mr. Greene stated that this is new construction. The Broad Institute will be taking one side of the building and moving their Genometric program from Cambridge to Burlington.

Attorney Buckley stated that there is one building with two separate sides. We had promised that each tenant would come before the Board of Health. Vericel has already been permitted and the Broad Institute will take the other half of the building. They have gone through the conditions and they are agreeable. They are going before the Planning Board next Thursday. The Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT looked at 40 sites and chose this one.

Ms. Cottet stated that as stated, they are moving their Genometric platform from Cambridge to Burlington. This is a milestone because they have never been out of Cambridge.

Dr. Weiner stated that the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT has a world wide reputation and they are very happy to have them here. Dr. Weiner asked that they take back to the Executive Team that we are very excited to have you come to Burlington.

Dr. Saltsman stated that this is a wonderful addition to Burlington.



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MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the application for the Special Permit for the Broad Institute at 27 Network Drive with the proposed conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Dr. Saltsman voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

VI. Discussion

4 Sunset Drive, Plumbing Variance Recommendations

Dorothy Harding, Project Manager appeared for the variance request.

Ms. Lumenello stated that Marcy Melesky is the owner of the property and Ms. Harding is representing her. The variance is for a shower drain. The requirement is a 2" drain and they are requesting a 1 ½" drain. This is fairly common and they would recommend it favorably as long as there is only 1 shower head.

Ms. Harding stated that the basement is finished and they are trying to renovate the bathroom and take out a tub and put a shower in. To put in the 2" drain they would have to tear everything up. This is a typical variance and this is a formality to get approval.

Dr. Weiner stated that they would make a recommendation to the plumbing board but they make the decision.

Dr. Saltsman stated that our recommendation is not a formality, it is a required step in the approval process.

MOTION: Mr. McSweeney moved to recommend favorably to the State Plumbing Board for the variance at 4 Sunset Drive. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheehan and voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Dr. Saltsman voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

2022-2023 Flu Vaccine Purchase

Dr. Weiner stated that his son is a Vice President for one of the companies they purchase vaccine from so he will recuse himself and Mr. McSweeney will take over.

Ms. Paulik stated that she provided a memo regarding an overview of the purchasing process for the flu vaccine. We have some vaccine from this year that is going back to the State for a full refund. This year, they purchased 550 doses multi-dose and 40 from the State and 170 high doses. For next year, they are proposing getting 550 prefilled doses that are not multi dose and 150 high doses. They will also get 40 doses from the State. The costs have been provided and they should get 50% of the multi-doses and 75% of the high dose by September and the rest of it by October, hopefully in time for the clinic.

Dr. Saltsman stated that this has been a strange year and we may have a flu surge next year. He would recommend keeping the 20 extra high dose vaccines.

Mr. McSweeney agreed and asked if we could get additional doses if needed. Ms. Paulik stated that we can pre-book to March 15th and can order more if we need it.

Ms. Lumenello stated that if we pre-order the vaccines we can get reimbursed 10% from the State. We typically do the EDS for vaccines and they do first responders and employees. If the Board would like to do more than they can order more but the vaccine is widely available.

Mr. McSweeney stated that he doesn't want to do weekly flu clinics and should continue with just doing the EDS as long as we don't turn anyone away.



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Ms. Sheehan asked who the intended audience was. Ms. Lumenello stated that we do the emergency responders and the high dose for the seniors and the rest is for the EDS and employees.

VII. Staff Reports

Environmental Engineer

Dr. Weiner stated that the Environmental Engineer is not present tonight and her report should be postponed.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to postpone the Environmental Engineer report. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Dr. Saltsman voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

Supervisory Nurse

Ms. Paulik presented his report.

- Working on bladder cancer screening for FireFighters for the last week in March.
- Blood pressure screening is going on at the library and Council on Aging.

Dr. Saltsman asked if MAVEN is still tracking communicable diseases. Ms. Paulik replied yes, Lyme is very common and she is not seeing a lot of flu cases but a lot of people don't get treated for the flu, so it goes unreported.

Dr. Weiner stated that the AED machines are getting old and asked if they are maintained. Ms. Paulik stated that they came out in August and did a complete checkup and she performs monthly checks.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Supervisory Nurse's report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheehan and unanimously voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Dr. Saltsman voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

Associate Director of Public Health

Mr. Greene presented his report.

- Has been working with Ms. Mathis on biosafety applications and inspections.
- They have been putting together training material for the new community reps.

MOTION: Mr. McSweeney moved to approve the Associate Director of Public Health report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheehan and unanimously voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Dr. Saltsman voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

Director of Public Health

Ms. Lumenello presented her report which included the Health Agent and Associate Health Inspector.

- The Tobacco regulations need to be updated to comply with State regulations. A subcommittee should be created to look at the regulations.
- They are applying for a \$25,000 MRC rise award grant. This is due by March 5th.



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Dr. Weiner stated that Ms. Johnson did an outstanding job presenting to the MRC.

Dr. Weiner asked for an update on the Body Piercing and Art request. Ms. Lumenello stated that piercing other than ears requires a Board of Health permit. An establishment that pierces all body parts called and asked about going into the Mall. Our zoning only allows this in certain areas and the Mall is not zoned for that. The applicant wanted to come before the Board of Health to allow them piercing without a permit. They were informed that they would have to make sure they were allowed by zoning and she does not recommend not issuing a permit for body art.

MOTION: Ms. Sheehan moved to approve the Director of Public Health reports. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Dr. Saltsman voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

VIII. Adjourn

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to adjourn the Board of Health regular meeting at 8:23 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously voted 4-0-0. On a roll call vote: Mr. McSweeney voted Yes, Dr. Saltsman voted Yes, Ms. Sheehan voted Yes and Dr. Weiner voted Yes.

*Respectfully Submitted by Dawn McDowell,
Recording Clerk*



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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

I. Open Meeting/Pledge of Allegiance/Agenda

II. Approval of Minutes: 01/25/2022 Board of Health Minutes

III. Citizen's Time: None

IV. Chairman's Report: None

V. Applications:

4 Burlington Woods Drive – Application for Approval of a Minor Engineering Change & Application for Approval of a Special Permit – 2/22/22 M. Greene memo with conditions; 2/2/22 Site Plan from RJ O'Connell & Associates, 1/20/22 The Gutierrez Company memo; Application for Special Permit, 2/9/22 Application for Minor Engineering Change

27 Network Drive – Application for Approval of a Special Permit – 2/22/22 C. Mathis memo with conditions; 11/19/21 Site Plan from BSC Group, 1/10/22 Floor Plans from ADP Architect for the Broad Institute, 2/3/22 Reimer & Braunstein memo, 2/4/22 Special Permit Application

VI. Discussion

4 Sunset Drive, Plumbing Variance Recommendations – Plumbing Variance Recommendation, 2/7/22 Horizon Interiors memo, copy of 248 CMR, 1/5/22 Plumbing and Gas Board meeting agenda, 2/7/22 Variance application from Plumbing Code, 2/16/22 Email from M. Melesky

2022-2023 Flu Vaccine Purchase – 2/7/22 Flu Vaccine Purchase Memo C. Paulik

VII. Staff Reports: Environmental Engineer's Report, Supervisory Nurse'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)

VIII. Adjourn: None