



# Town of Boylston Board of Health [boh@boylston-ma.gov](mailto:boh@boylston-ma.gov)

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## MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2020

**Members Present via Remote:** Sarah Scheinfein, Robert Thibeault, John Wentzell

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dennis Costello

**Recorder:** Melanie Rich

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll call was taken for members and staff attending remotely: Sarah Scheinfein, Robert Thibeault, John Wentzell and Dennis Costello.

An announcement was made that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, the Boylston Board of Health meeting will be conducted via remote participation.

### **RESIDENT BUSINESS**

Compass Pointe – Dennis received an email today from Mark Anttila saying there was work being done on the FAST system; he did not think it was the FAST company. Dennis has not received any information from the FAST company. He will call Wall Trucking tomorrow.

Mr. Anttila asked about pickleball in the gym. Dennis let him know that Parks & Rec and the Board of Selectmen schedule the use of the gym and, according to the Town Administrator, cleaning is the responsibility of those who rent the gym. The Board of Health does not approve or disapprove the maintenance of the building.

69 Melrose Street – Dennis left a message for Town Counsel; he has not heard back. In the meantime, he received a call from an engineer to set up soil testing; someone is interested in purchasing the house. If the deal falls through, the matter will move forward with the Housing Court.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes dated September 28, 2020 – Robert Thibeault made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2020; Sarah Scheinfein seconded; roll call vote: Thibeault-aye; Scheinfein-aye; motion approved.

November 16<sup>th</sup> was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Flu Clinic – The flu clinic was scheduled for Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 p.m. The link to schedule an appointment will be put on the website. The information will also be put in the Item. If a second clinic is needed, there are funds available to run a small one.

### **AGENT’S REPORT**

CARES Act – There is a second round of funding. The first round was for \$10K from the Regional Public Health Grant. The board asked for approximately 60K for the next fiscal year; however, the cycle ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Currently, nursing bills amount to \$6,675. Dennis has not heard anything from the Town Administrator and can only assume she is applying for more funds. He let her know that the board would be looking for at least \$25K; the future is uncertain. The majority will be used for nursing followed by staff and supplies. The board would be more comfortable with \$30K. Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to apply for \$30K for the CARES Act for COVID-19; John Wentzell seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor.

Regarding the schools, a bus driver has tested positive; protocols were followed; there were no close contacts; the driver is in isolation. A cafeteria worker at Tahanto tested positive; that person is in isolation; the workers are in quarantine for fourteen days. The schools were closed until Thursday. In talking with the Superintendent and the Facilities person, there should be a meeting with the schools to go over scenarios; they need to be more prepared; there is a vast majority of information for them to use.

COVID-19 Virus Update – Another positive was received today resulting in four active cases, bringing the total cases in town to twenty-eight.

### **PLAN REVIEW**

16 Nicholas Avenue (Johnson) – Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to recommend approval of 16 Nicholas Avenue; John Wentzell seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved.

229 Green Street (Lambracht) – Sarah Scheinfein made a motion to recommend approval of 229 Green Street; Robert Thibeault seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved.

John Wentzell made a motion to adjourn; Robert Thibeault seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.