



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

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## MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2020

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dennis Costello

**Recorder:** Melanie Rich

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll call was taken for members and staff attending remotely: Sarah Scheinfein, Robert Thibeault, John Wentzell, Dennis Costello and Melanie Rich.

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.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes dated October 16, 2020 – Tabled to the next meeting.

December 21<sup>st</sup> was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Flu Clinic Update – The flu clinic resulted in approximately 36-40 vaccinations. Region 2 conducted a drill near the end of the clinic. Dennis was evaluated to see how the flow worked, how the signage worked, the radio communication, questions and answers, and passed with flying colors. Sarah asked about a possible second flu clinic; she will conduct a poll to see if there is interest; the board agreed. Dennis said we did receive a small grant for children under age 18 which would allow us to hire one or two nurses.

Sarah was also asked by someone at town hall if it was going to be closed down; that would be up to the Board of Selectmen. An email can be sent to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen letting them know of the concern.

### **AGENT'S REPORT**

CARES Act – An email request for \$30K was sent to the Town Administrator. The nursing bills have been submitted. Dennis did not know if the funding will be renewed after December 31<sup>st</sup>; Boylston should have money left. If it is not renewed, we will have to go through the town.

COVID-19 Virus Update – In doing the drill with the Region 2 Planner, they are looking at our drive-thru vaccination plan route at Hillside. Local boards of public health will be responsible for vaccinating special populations (which have not yet been identified); the criteria are not yet known. The state will be responsible for nursing homes and assisted living. The federal government will be responsible for hospitals and nurses. CVS and Walgreens will have contracts with the federal government for the people at large. It is not known when it will start, how much vaccine will be out there, or how long it will last. Dennis talked with the Fire Chief who is talking with other towns. The state was supposed to have a sign-up system in place by October (which did not happen); there are still unknowns. Dennis will follow up with the Police, Fire and Town Administrator before the first of the year.

There are 10 active cases currently in town. That would be considered active according to the reporting period; 26 cases would put the town in the “red”; the matrix system was changed.

Dennis said the schools are looking at going in-house. Rob has not heard if Boylston has agreed to it according to the principal and superintendent’s weekly emails.

Some businesses in town had employees test positive and had to close or slow down; they are following protocol. There have been complaints about Dunkin Donuts’ employees not wearing their masks correctly. FedEx complaints are given to Department of Labor Standards. Overall, as a town, we are doing well.

Dennis attends calls twice/week with the state and smaller regions. If any members would like to join in, he will forward the link.

The Town Administrator sent an email about the proposed “Friendly 40B” project asking if there is anything the board would like the town to negotiate for, e.g., inspections, plan reviews, etc. He suggested the fee schedule be adhered to. The fee would be \$45K which will cover inspections. He said he did 85 inspections for the new apartment buildings; that did not include soil testing, plan review or meetings. If we stay with the fee schedule, it will be fine. Rob Thibeault made a motion to keep the fee schedule in place; John Wentzell seconded; roll call vote: Scheinfein-aye; Wentzell-aye; Thibeault-aye; motion approved.

## **PLAN REVIEW**

67 Main Street (Wagner) – It is a truck commissary. John Wentzell made a motion to approve the grease trap and septic tank as per the David E. Ross Associates plan; Rob Thibeault seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved. They will be component repairs of the system.

79 East Temple Street (Bourbeau) – John Wentzell made a motion to approve the plan as prepared by David E. Ross Associates; Rob Thibeault seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved.

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18 Knob Cone Drive (Marks) – Rob Thibeault made a motion to approve the plan as prepared by David E. Ross Associates; John Wentzell seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved.

John Wentzell made a motion to adjourn; Rob Thibeault seconded; roll call vote: all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.