

WESTON BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes for
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
11:36 AM – 12:32 PM
Zoom Meeting

Present: Laura Azzam – Chair
Dr. Jennifer Kickham – Member
Paul Martin – Member
Michele Fronk Schuckel MBA, BSN, RN – COVID-19 Response Manager, BOH Public Health Nurse
Kelly Pawluczzonek, RS, MS - Public Health Director
Beth Ann Boles, RS – Health Agent
Michelle Hubbard – Administrative Assistant, Meeting Minutes

I. Residents' Concerns

Meeting called to order at 11:36 AM. No resident concerns unrelated to agenda items.

II. Welcome to the Board – Paul Martin

Welcome to the newest Board member, Paul Martin.

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Jennifer Kickham made a motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2022. Laura Azzam seconds, the motion is carried.

IV. Public Health Nurse Update - Michele Fronk Schuckel MBA, BSN, RN

Respiratory viral case rates are generally high in and around Weston. Immunocompromised and people over 65 remain at highest risk and are encouraged to call their doctor and seek antiviral treatment. Long term care clusters of XBB.1.15 are being seen in 65% of LTC facilities in MA including in Weston. We are encouraging layered measures and masking per MDPH guidance. A pediatric vaccine clinic series has been arranged on the following Wednesdays: January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15. It will be from 12 PM – 2 PM at the Wayland Town Building, Large Hearing Room.

The World Health Organization declared the Ugandan Ebola health emergency over so we are no longer required to track and assess travelers returning to US from Ugandan areas of high concern. We currently have had two asymptomatic travelers in Weston during this time.

The Health Department is working to establish a group of constituents for a coordinated response across the town and region regarding the Opioid Relief Funds.

V. Septic Variance – 31 Golden Ball

Mike DiModica spoke about the septic system at 31 Golden Ball Road. He is requesting the following variances:

310CMR15.211(1) of the MassDEP Environmental Code Title 5 – Minimum Setback Distances

- Septic Tank and Soil Absorption System Offset to Wetlands Bordering Surface Water Supply or Tributary thereto

Town of Weston Board of Health Regulations:

- 2.5 Distance Requirements. * No part of the structural components of a leaching facility shall be located within 100 feet of a wetland as defined in M.G.L. chapter 131 section 40 (Wetland Protection Act).

Dr. Jennifer Kickham made a motion to approve the variances. Paul Martin seconds the motion. All in favor, the motion is carried.

VI. Septic Variance – 30 Colpitts

Jay Thrasher spoke about the septic system at 30 Colpitts Road. The septic plan for 30 Colpitts Road meets maximum feasible compliance, but due to site constraints the following variances are required:

310CMR15.211(1) of the MassDEP Environmental Code Title 5 – Minimum Setback Distances

- Request reduction in the offset from a building foundation from 20 feet to 10 feet.
- Request reduction in the offset from a property bound from 10 feet to 7 feet.
- Request reduction in the offset from a tributary stream to a surface water supply from 200 feet to 127 feet.
- Request reduction in the offset from a wetland bordering a surface water supply or tributary thereto from 100 feet to 94.5 feet. 310CMR15.212(1) of the MassDEP Environmental Code Title 5 – Depth to Groundwater
- Request Reduction in the minimum vertical separation between the bottom of the stone underlying the soil absorption system above the high ground-water elevation from five feet to three feet in accordance with the I/A remedial use approval letter (transmittal #X280580) for Eljen GSF Systems, models B43 and A42. Section 2.5 of Chapter VI of the Weston Board of Health Regulations
- Request reduction in the offset from nearby wetland from 100 feet to 94.5 feet.
- Request reduction in the offset from the building foundation from 20 feet to 10 feet

Dr. Jennifer Kickham made a motion to approve the variances. Paul Martin seconds the motion. All in favor, the motion is carried.

VII. Director's Monthly Review/Update

Kelly Pawluczzonek gave an update on several regulations that she is looking at to create a draft regulation for Recombinant DNA/Lab regulations, but has nothing ready for review at this time. These include Cambridge, Framingham, Waltham, and Westborough.

Kelly discussed the Impact Melanoma Project that the Regional Grant Team was looking to get approved by the State. The program would allow for the installation of several sun screen dispensers around town and educational sun safety.

Kelly announced that Sudbury Health Director, Bill Murphy, has left his position to become the Health Director in Framingham which has left a void in the Regional Public Health Excellence Grant as Sudbury is the fiscal agent, but the work is continuing.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

February 8, 2023 at 11:30 AM via Zoom.

IX. Adjourn

Dr. Jennifer Kickham motioned to adjourn the meeting. Paul Martin seconds and Laura Azzam adjourned the meeting at 12:32 PM.