

Weston Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021
4:07pm-5:20pm
Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9328937943>
Meeting ID: 932 893 7943

Present: Laura Azzam, Chair
Dr. David Kominz, Member
Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro, Member
Wendy Diotalevi, R.S., Public Health Director
Beth Ann Boles, R.S., Health Agent
Michele Schuckel, R.N., COVID-19 Response Team Public Health Nurse

Noted that Others: Kevin O’Leary, PE of The Jillson Company; Kathy Fennell

- I. **Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2021 Tabled**
- II. **Hearing: 12 Highland Street – Title 5 Variance Request – Tabled until Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 4:00pm as abutters were notified by certified mail of incorrect meeting date.** The Board was informed that the existing home will remain 3 bedrooms with use of a garbage grinder as there is no increase in flow proposed. The Title 5 Variance request to be addressed on Thursday is as follows: 310 CMR 15.404(3)(e) The provisions of section 15.212(b) requires a horizontal setback distance from a soil absorption system of 100ft from Open, Surface or Subsurface Drains which discharge to Surface Water Supplies or tributaries. Proposed design offset to SAS to drainage system in Highland Street is +/- 80ft. Discussion and vote to be continued on Thursday.
- III. **Private Hauler Regulations** – Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro provided the Board with a draft of Trash Hauler Regulations to review for next meeting.
- IV. **COVID-19 Updates**
Public Health Nurse Michele Schuckel noted that March 11, 2021 marked the one-year anniversary of the pandemic since it was declared by the W.H.O. and that almost one year in the pandemic we mark the anniversary by noting that Weston has officially isolated 445 residents (or 4%) and their close contacts, though Weston’s numbers report lower than those we’ve actually worked with given the fact that we support those who live, work and learn in Weston. Two residents were hospitalized, and one individual died from complications of Coronavirus infection. As of the reporting period ending 3/9/21 Ms. Schuckel noted that they were following 21 active cases in Weston with an average daily incidence rate of 13.7 cases per 100,000. Case rates are declining in Weston, consistent with those across Massachusetts. Weston’s current positivity rate is 0.69%. The last time Weston had this positivity rate was in late October. Private schools are largely on break this week. Weston Public Schools are working toward 'all in' for Middle School/High School as mentioned a couple weeks ago.

Communication with the school community continues around transportation guidance and testing. Weston is keeping a close eye on variants of concern and will continue to follow all mitigation measures supported by the CDC and MADPH. A BOH walk-through prior to return to full in-person learning is scheduled for 3/17/21. Indoor choral, band, and musical theater has been approved at schools with addition of testing as a risk mitigation measure.

- V. **Next Meeting**
Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 4:00PM (Zoom Meeting)

- VI. **Meeting Adjourned**