

**Weston Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2021
9:30am-11:07am
Town Hall Auditorium**

Present: Laura Azzam, Chair
Dr. David Kominz, Member
Dr. Jennifer Kickham, Member
Kelly Pawluczzonek, RS, MS, Public Health Director
Beth Ann Boles, RS, Health Agent
Michele Schuckel, RN, COVID-19 Response Team Public Health Nurse

Others: Weston Residents: Anita Raman, Becky Dempsey, Carla Salvucci, Matt Curley,
and Mike Nurczynski

I. Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2021

Dr. David Kominz made a motion to approve the June 30, 2021 Board of Health Meeting Minutes with the adjournment time provided by Chair Laura Azzam. Dr. Jennifer Kickham second the motion. Vote unanimous. Motion carries.

II. Hearing: 176 North Avenue- Title 5 Variance Request

Ted Doucette, PE of Doucette Engineering submitted in writing a request for a Local Upgrade Approval (LUA) / Title 5 Variance for the above property to allow for the reduction in the required 100ft setback to a subsurface drain which discharges to a Tributary of a surface water supply to a soil absorption system to not less than 35ft.

The existing dwelling consists of four bedrooms and a failed cesspool. The proposed septic system is designed to accommodate the four bedrooms with no garbage grinder. The existing drain pipe on the property discharges to the Cambridge Water Supply and is unable to be relocated.

The Cambridge Water Department reviewed the proposed design and have no issues as long as there is no increase in capacity. If an increase were ever proposed, a further look into the drainage connection would need to be evaluated.

Abutters were notified of today's hearing and no one present.

Dr. David Kominz made a motion to approve the Local Upgrade Approval/Title 5 Variance as requested. Dr. Jennifer Kickham second the motion. Vote unanimous. Motion carries.

III. Public Health Nurse's Report

The Board reviewed the report provided by Jane Brown, R.N. Copies of the report are available upon request at the Board of Health. Ms. Brown also submitted her

Letter of Resignation to inform the Board of her intentions to retire from her position as the Public Health Nurse. Her last day is Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

IV. **COVID-19 Updates & COVID-19 Safety Measures in Weston Schools**

COVID-19 Response Public Health Nurse Michele Schuckel updated the Board that COVID case rates are increasing in Weston as is throughout MA with substantial transmission. Ms. Schuckel provided a PowerPoint Presentation that can be viewed here: [COVID-19 Update BOH September Update FINAL.pdf](#)

The CDC continues to follow the science. Based on recent information provided by the CDC on masks and face coverings, the MA Department of Public Health (DPH) issued an updated *Advisory Regarding Face Coverings and Cloth Masks* dated July 30, 2021 that advises masking indoors whether individuals have been fully vaccinated or not.

This presentation and updated mask advisory led into the discussion if there is a need for a Mask Order/Mandate in the schools K-12. Ms. Schuckel stated that the goal of the Board of Health, staff, teachers, and students is to get back in school for full time in-person learning. There is no remote learning option this upcoming school year and with the unknown of the Delta variant, and the updated mask advisory, in order to assist in protecting the health of all individuals, masks must be worn by staff and students regardless of their vaccination status to protect those who are not able to get vaccinated at this time. Parents were present to voice their concerns to the Board about mask wearing. The Board is not in a position to vote on a Mask Order/Mandate at this time and will meet next week to address.

V. **Next Meeting**
Wednesday, September 1, 2021

VI. **Adjourn**