

WESTON BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday April 13, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Present: Laura Azzam, Chair
Dr. David Kominz, Member
Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro, Member
Michele Schuckel, MBA,BSN, RN - BOH Public Health Nurse
Wendy Diotalevi, R.S., Public Health Director
Sharon Bonica - Administrative Assistant II, Meeting minutes
Jennifer Kickham - Resident - running for the BOH
Ryan Boyd - Contractor (Hearing)

I. Approval of April 13, 2021 Minutes – Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro moved to approve, Dr. David Kominz 2nd - Approved with 1 revision – changes done

II. Michele F. Schuckel, MBA, BSN, RN, COVID-19 Response Manager, Public Health Nurse Michele S. had given a presentation at the school dept. on April 12, 2021. She discussed with the Board Members what came up from the March 14th Weston School incident that resulted in 19 cases. There were 2 breakthrough cases and it took about 4 weeks to go through with 138 contact tracing hours with the positive cases. There were 41 close contacts and 18 other contacts. We followed 123 individuals in 91 cooperative households; 26 tested positive, of whom 15 were in quarantine when they were found positive. They were able to gather the information from the pool testing being done in the schools on a weekly basis. Michele spoke about the discussion with the families and students on what the personal responsibilities are and their shared responsibilities are for the community. Masks still need to be worn when in public and with non-family members. They should not be dining with others not in their households. Michele spoke about the variants and that the UK variant is more dominant in MA at this time.

Michele S. spoke about the private schools in Weston to being part of pool testing and that there were some cases at Regis College recently. She is working closely with this community to help keep COVID under control.

III. Ryan Boyd – Contractor – Hauler License Re-Instatement

Ryan Boyd met with Director Wendy Diotalevi just over a year ago after not getting his Septic Hauler License renewed in Weston. He is reaching out to get approval to re-instate his Hauler License in Weston at this time. Ryan spoke to the Board Members of what had happened in the past and that he is only looking to do a few households per month. He did some repairs to his truck to make sure there are no issues with his equipment.

Public Health Director Wendy Diotalevi gave some information on what happens when the Septic Haulers go to properties for pumping.

The Board members asked Ryan what his intentions would be when pumping and he gave his explanation of what happens when he goes to a property to pump them out. He stated that he will only be pumping in Weston on a part time basis at this time. He will be doing no more than 3 pumps per day. If he is going to increase his pumping he needs to discuss with the Public Health Director.

Dr. Elisabeth DiPietro motioned to give Ryan back his license at this time, Dr. David Kominz 2nd the motion and all members approved. The Board Members voted for Ryan to have his license with some stipulations. The BOH will inspect his equipment for proper usage and Ryan will call ahead of time to give the BOH office his list of properties he will be doing each week. The Public Health Director (Wendy Diotalevi) and Health Agent (Beth Ann Boles) will check on Ryan at the properties to make sure that he is following the proper protocol and procedures for pumping.

IV. Solid Waste Regulations – Being completed by Director Wendy Diotalevi – The Board members will be adopting new regulations and will be voting on the adoption at the April 27th meeting. They will be posted in the newspaper and adopted for July 1, 2021

for January 1, 2022 permitting season. (Permits are issued for Jan. 1st each calendar year through Dec. 31st)

V. COVID 19 Virus / Vaccine Updates - Wendy Diotalevi Michele S. – COVID Manager and Public Health Nurse and Health Agent Beth Ann Boles are working on any plans coming in for many events coming up. Wendy spoke about the Sr. prom and graduation that they are trying to make these events within 2 days to keep it all to a minimum for safety precautions.

Camp applications are coming in at this time, Beth Ann Boles will be doing the approvals and inspections for the camps and Jane Brown Public Health Nurse, will be checking for medical records and we will have another part time school nurse checking the camps for their COVID agreements and protocols.

VI. COVID Vaccine Update– The BOH received its last 100 doses for 2nd doses. The BOH will be doing 2 clinics on April 16th and the final clinics the week of May 3rd.

VII Next Meeting date April 27, 2021

VII. Adjourn - Dr. Elizabeth motioned to adjourn the meeting, David Kominz 2nd and Laura Azzam adjourned the meeting at 5:20pm