

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Remote Meeting via Zoom Video

PRESENT

Health Agent: Bruce Wilson, Jr.
Vice Chairperson: Kelly McGovern
Member: Vincent Forte, Jr.
Tobacco Agent: Robert Griffin III
Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

MINUTES

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting, as submitted.
Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2020 meeting, as submitted.
Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

CORONA VIRUS UPDATES

Health Agent, Bruce Wilson, Jr. gave an update on the COVID-19 cases in Town. The number of active cases remains very low, even though the State numbers have been recently climbing. Mr. Wilson told Board members that complaints continue to come into the office about people not wearing masks in public. Recently, Mr. Wilson visited Rapid Refill gas station after receiving a number of complaints regarding people gassing up and going into the store without masks. A majority of these people fueling up and going into the store were from the Amazon Warehouse. Mr. Wilson called Amazon to speak with the manager and update them that their drivers must wear masks when entering the store. Mr. Griffin also visited the Rapid Refill location to let the manager know masks are required by everyone entering and they must continue to enforce this with their customers. Manager was made aware that the Board of Health will start issuing fines if this continues.

For more information and updates on COVID-19, please check the State website at [Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) and the Town website at [BellinghamMA.org](https://www.bellinghamma.org).

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL REVIEW – HEALTH AGENT

Board members will complete their employee review forms for Health Agent, Bruce Wilson, Jr. and will provide them to the office before the next Board of Health meeting scheduled for October 20th.

OLD BUSINESS

TOBACCO AGENT UPDATES

BELLINGHAM GROCERY

Tobacco Agent, Robert Griffin III discussed the recent violation from Bellingham Grocery for the sale of glassware (drug paraphernalia) to a person under the age of 21. This is the third tobacco violation at this establishment. The two most recent violations have been within the past three months. This violation carries a fine of \$5,000 and a 30-day suspension of the retailers Tobacco permit. Mr. Griffin told the Board he will follow-up with the owner of Bellingham Grocery after tonight's meeting to let her know if she can start on the suspension of Tobacco sales right away or if she has to wait to come before

the Board at the next meeting, scheduled for October 20th. Board members agreed that if the establishment wants to start the Tobacco sales suspension right away, they don't have an issue with that. Mr. Griffin will follow-up with the store owner and will update the Board on the suspension start date. The fine of \$5,000 can be paid in payments if needed and Mr. Griffin will set up the agreement to be signed with the due dates for payments if it can't be paid in one lump sum.

Mr. Forte made a motion to allow Bellingham Grocery to start their Tobacco sales suspension without having to wait until coming before the Board at the October 20th meeting. Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

SAV-MORE CASH

The owner of Sav-More Cash has been in contact with Mr. Griffin and has made their first payment towards the Tobacco fine that was recently issued. A payment agreement has been signed and the Tobacco permit has been issued by the Town with the exception that payments will be made on time. If a payment is defaulted upon, the Tobacco permit will be suspended.

GOALS

CBD PRODUCTS

Mr. Griffin told the Board that he has been visiting CBD Product establishments to educate them on the Town Regulations for CBD Product sales. Mr. Griffin visited The Honey Pot store and was informed by the owner that they will be permanently closing this location shortly.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES

NEW AND PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS

Mr. Wilson discussed new and previous complaints that have come into the Board of Health office since the last meeting, held on September 22, 2020.

Recently, there have been a number of complaints coming into the office from tenants of The Charles on North Main Street. The tenants are reporting issues at the apartments that are not being addressed by management. Mr. Wilson and Building Inspector, Tim Aicardi have been in contact with the management company and will continue to work on recent issues that have transpired at this location.

FOOD INSPECTION REPORTS

Mr. Griffin told the Board that there were no critical violations to report. Another round of routine inspections will be starting next week. Reports to follow at the next Board of Health meeting.

BETTERMENT BILLS

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the Betterment Bill for Dave Brown and Donald Boucher in the amount of \$9,400 for the septic system at 39 Porter Road. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$530 to the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds for the Recording of 5 Betterment Loans of \$106 each. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay the Betterment Bill for ADC Septic and Bill Goodman in the amount of \$18,750 for the septic system at 20 Bertine Street. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay the Betterment Bill for Civil Site Engineering, LLC and Holly Everett in the amount of \$6,225 for the septic system at 83 Lakeshore Drive. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

BETTERMENT LOAN AGREEMENTS

763 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the signing of a Betterment Loan Agreement between the Town of Bellingham and Quinton Jones for the septic system at 763 South Main Street. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

9 JANET STREET

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the signing of a Betterment Loan Agreement between the Town of Bellingham and Marco Mendez for the septic system at 9 Janet Street. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

75 FARM STREET

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the signing of a Betterment Loan Agreement between the Town of Bellingham and Robert Gilley, Jr. for the septic system at 75 Farm Street. Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

PLANS

91 PAINE STREET

A septic design plan for 91 Paine Street was reviewed by the Board.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests that were reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Allow a reduction from the bottom of the S.A.S. (Soil Absorption System) to the established groundwater from 4' to 2' per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h)

Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

41 CALIFORNIA AVENUE

A septic design plan for 41 California Avenue was reviewed by the Board.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests that were reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Allow construction of the leach field to be 6' from the property line where 10' is required per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(a)
- Allow leach field to be installed 9' from the building foundation where 20' is required and 5' from garage slab where 10' is required per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(b)

Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

10 POTHIER STREET

A septic design plan for 10 Pothier Street was reviewed by the Board.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests that were reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Allow a reduction from the bottom of the S.A.S. (Soil Absorption System) to the established groundwater from 4' to 2' per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h)

Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

51 FOX RUN ROAD

A septic design plan for 51 Fox Run Road was reviewed by the Board.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests that were reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Waiver to allow the leaching field to be installed with 3' of separation to groundwater where 4' is required per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h)

Mr. Forte seconded and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Forte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin
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The next Board of Health Meeting will be held on October 20, 2020