

BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Arcand Meeting Room
Remote Meeting via Zoom Video

PRESENT

Health Agent: Bruce Wilson, Jr.
Chairperson: Kelly McGovern
Vice Chairperson: Vincent Forte, Jr.
Member: Patricia Leclair
Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

Absent:

Member: Patricia Leclair

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

BUD BUS – MARIJUANA DELIVERY

Benjamin Verga, owner of Frozen 4 Corp was present at tonight's meeting to explain that he is not trying to obtain a courier license for the Town of Bellingham. Mr. Verga is applying for a Business/dba (Doing Business As) Certificate for Frozen 4 Corp to operate delivery under the business name "Bud Bus." Frozen 4 currently holds the license for a courier delivery service with the CCC (Cannabis Control Commission). Delivery vans will only be kept at dispensaries that they are partnered with and will only be delivering to Towns that allow dispensaries.

Chief Daigle from the Police Dept was present for tonight's meeting and told Board Members that he didn't have an issue with this request, as no deliveries will be made in Town and only empty vehicles with no cash on board would be stored only at dispensary facilities.

Mr. Forte made a motion to sign off on the Business/dba Certificate for "Bud Bus" so that the company can operate under the business name requested. Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

MAVEN – VOLUNTEER

Ms. McGovern told Board Members that retired nurse Linda Valinski, had previously inquired about volunteering her services with the Town. Ms. Martone, Public Health Nurse was present at tonight's meeting and said she could use some help with the State's MAVEN System, follow-up phone calls and contact tracing. Ms. Valinski offered to volunteer for 4-5 hours per week but said she would need to get more training with the MAVEN System before volunteering. Ms. Martone told Ms. Valinski that she would send her over some of the training materials to look over and would be available for any questions she may have. Ms. McGovern told Ms. Valinski to review the information that she is going to receive and see if it's something she would still like to volunteer with. This discussion will be continued to the next Board of Health meeting, scheduled for November 16th.

MINUTES

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting, as submitted. Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

COVID POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the number of Covid-19 cases in Town. The number of active cases in the State has been on a steady decrease over the past few weeks. The Town numbers have also come down a little over the past few days and as of this morning there were 40 active cases in Bellingham which was 9 less than last week.

Mr. Wilson told Board Members that he has been discussing the possibility of providing vaccinations to students aged 5 – 11 in the coming months. This is still being discussed and nothing will be offered until more details are made available to students and families in the school system. As of this week, the FDA has authorized Pfizer to allow vaccinations from children aged 5 – 11. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

OLD BUSINESS

UNATTENDED DONATION BINS - REGULATIONS

There have been a number of complaints regarding overflowing dumpsters and donation bins at various properties in Town. Board members have been preparing a Regulation that is going to be established and put in place to help prevent against property owners not addressing the trash and overflowing bins on their properties.

Board Members reviewed a copy of the Regulation draft that they have been working on. Some minor revisions were made after Board Members discussed specific details. Mr. Wilson will be updating the draft with the discussed changes and will then be sending it to Town Counsel for review. Board Members are hoping to have the copy back from Town Counsel by the next meeting, scheduled for November 16th, in order to put the new Regulations into effect as soon as possible. This item will be continued to the next Board of Health Meeting, if the Regulation draft has been returned from Town Counsel before then.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Forte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin

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NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 16, 2021 AT 7:00 PM