

ANDOVER BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
May 10, 2021 6:00 P.M.
VIA WebEx
36 Bartlet Street

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Pamela Linzer, Ph.D., Chair, Gopala K. Dwarakanath, M.D., Vice-Chair, Deb Enegess, M.D., Clerk, and Mr. Thomas G. Carbone, Director of Public Health.

Before any discussion began, Mr. Carbone made the following statement: *“Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Board of Health will be conducted via remote participation. The virtual meeting will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 22 and Verizon Channel 45. Further, a video recording of the proceedings will be posted to the Town website as soon as possible after the meeting.”*

Mr. Carbone called Roll Call of the Board of Health Members: Pamela Linzer, Ph.D., Chair, Present; Gopala K. Dwarakanath, M.D., Vice-Chair, Present; Deb Enegess, M.D., Clerk, Present.

I. Appointments & Hearings

- #1 - N/A

II. Approval of Minutes

- # 2 – March 8, 2021

Motion by Dr. Dwarakanath, seconded by Dr. Linzer to approve the minutes of March 8, 2021. Unanimous approval.

III. Discussion Items

- **#3 – Town Meeting Warrant Articles.** Mr. Carbone reviewed the provisional warrant issued for the upcoming Town Meeting. Mr. Carbone highlighted the articles that pertain to the Health Division for the Board of Health members to discuss.

Article P4 – Budget. The Health Division operating budget will be fully funded if the article is approved as presented.

Article P7-G – Revolving Funds. This article is the annual authorization for establishing our revolving funds. There are three funds the Health Division utilizes, Community Development and Planning Fund, Health Clinic Fund, and Health Services Fund.

Article P29 – Outdoor Dining or Retail License Bylaw. This bylaw was utilized this year due to the increase in outdoor dining for restaurants. The Health Division currently collaborates with the review team comprised of, but not limited to, Planning Division, Zoning, Building Department, Town Clerk and Fire Safety.

Article P30 – Placement of Tables and Chairs. This article is in conjunction with Article P29 and zoning bylaws.

Article P39 – Noise & Vibration Standards Bylaw. This article is being sponsored by a group of residents. Mr. Carbone explained the bylaw will require the permit granting authority to establish noise standards. Currently the Town of Andover does utilize the State of Massachusetts noise guidelines. There was much discussion regarding noise and vibration standards, enforcement, and state guidelines.

Motion by Dr. Linzer to recommend disapproval of Article P39, Noise and Vibration Standards Bylaw, because as written it is not a workable option or enforceable for the Board of Health. Seconded by Dr. Dwarakanath. Unanimous approval.

- **#4 – Meeting Schedule** – Mr. Carbone proposed the following meeting schedule; Board Members believe that this will work for their schedules.

June 14, 2021
July 12, 2021
August 9, 2021
September 13, 2021
October 18, 2021
November 15, 2021
December 13, 2021

- **#5 – Covid-19 Update** – Mr. Carbone presented the current Covid-19 data. Positive cases are dropping dramatically which Mr. Carbone feels is a result of the vaccination efforts. The school department is working with a private pharmacy to hold a clinic at Andover High School to vaccinate eligible students. The Health Division will be providing some assistance during the clinic. Mr. Carbone is encouraged by the number of people getting vaccinated. Mr. Carbone stated new guidance have been released by the state for the re-opening process. The Health Division is working on reading all the documentation to be able to fully inform residents and businesses on any new guidelines.

IV. Old Business

- **#6 - N/A**

V. Subdivision Definitive Plans

- #7 - N/A

VI. Septic System Variances/Local Upgrade Approval

- #8 – N/A

VII. Staff Reports

- #9 – Director’s Report– N/A
- #10 – Community Health Report – Mr. Carbone presented the Community Health Report for April 2021
- #11 – Environmental Health Reports – Mr. Carbone presented the Environmental Health Reports for April 2021.

VIII. Board Member Reports

- N/A

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Linzer at 6:49pm to adjourn. Seconded by Dr. Enegess. Unanimous approval.

- **Important Dates:**

June 5, 2021 – Annual Town Meeting
June 14, 2021 @ 6:00pm – Board of Health Meeting

Per the New Open Meeting Law, the following is a list of the documents that were either distributed to the Andover Board of Health before the meeting in a packet, or at the meeting.

1. Board of Health (BOH) Meeting Agenda.
2. Draft minutes from April 12, 2021 BOH Meeting.
3. Memo from Mr. Carbone dated May 5, 2021 - Town Meeting Article Review
4. Memo from Mr. Carbone to Mr. Flanagan dated April 15, 2021 – Noise & Vibrations Standard Bylaw
5. Memo from Mr. Carbone to BOH dated May 5, 2021 – Meeting Schedule
6. Memo from Mr. Carbone to BOH dated May 5, 2021 – Covid-19 Update
7. Community Health Report – April 2021
8. Environmental Health Report – April 2021