

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 21, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Marianne Hartmann, Emily Cilley

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Jeffrey Vaughan, Director of Public Health, Neia Illingworth, Public Health Nurse, John Picariello (Guest, Earth Removal Study)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

No minutes were submitted.

ON MOTION (Cilley) and **SECONDED** by Hartmann it was **VOTED** to approve all prior meeting minutes. Cilley (YES), Hartmann (YES).

- Joint Select Board & Board of Health, Monday, May 12, 2021
- BOH, February 10, 2021
- BOH, March 9, 2021
- BOH, June 1, 2021

NEW BUSINESS COVID-19

Illingworth shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the most recent data received regarding the Town of Swampscott's incidence rate and the breakdown of cases. This most recent data was obtained on June 28, 2021 and has been posted on the town's website for the public viewing. She also discussed the four current variants:

- Alfa
- Beta
- Gamma
- Delta (most predominant)

Illingworth discussed the partnership the town has with surrounding communities for vaccination distribution at the O'Keefe Sports complex on the grounds of Salem State College.

Cilley asked if there will be a mask mandate for schools this fall, Illingworth has not heard anything to date, but will keep the board informed as information becomes available. Cilley inquired as to whether businesses are required to mask employees etc., Vaughan stated that it is up to each business to decide on the guidelines that best suits their business. Cilley inquired about FDA approval for the vaccine as to when clinical trials will be completed for approval of the vaccination for ages 12 and under. Illingworth believes it will be sometime in early 2022. Hartmann believes that full FDA approval will allow employers to mandate vaccination for employees.

Guest Comment John Picariello - Earth Removal Committee

John Picariello joined the meeting to help answer questions the Board had on the Earth Removal Permit for Aggregate Industries Northeast Region, Inc. He discussed the 15-month study conducted for PPV (Peak Particle Velocity) and the significant drop in levels. Mining regulations require levels 2.0 or below and Aggregate is at 0.5. The three factors that affect the surrounding neighbors (human annoyance factor) is vibration, dust, and noise. He discussed depth of the holes that contain blasts and the filtering process for the water to be recirculated into the environment. John discussed how blasting is prohibited on overcast days and on rainy days, however he feels rainy day blasts help to eliminate the dust particles from the blast. Ultimately, it is up to the blaster to decide when to blast. They have hired a consultant to measure noise levels at ambient times, during and after the blast. He also suggested that Aggregate invest in Monsoon water sprayers installed at the end of conveyors which create a fog bank helping eliminate dust. Hartmann inquired as to how many years the quarry has left to blast, Picariello said about 50 more years, he says that Aggregate blasts twice a week on average, but it depends on the weather and supply and demand.

ON MOTION (Cilley) and **SECONDED** by Hartmann to approve the Earth Removal Permit for Aggregate Industries Northeast Region, Inc. Cilley (YES), Hartmann (YES).

Health Department Update

Restricting Balloons Discussion

No action by the BOH at this time as this may become part of the town bylaws.

COVID Emergency Order

ON MOTION made by (Hartmann), and **SECONDED** (Cilley), it was **VOTED** to end the Declaration of Emergency issued March 20, 2020, and all subsequent Emergency Orders pertaining to COVID-19. Cilley (YES), Hartmann (YES).

Variance Request Regarding Lifeguards Crown Pointe and Summit Estates

Pool variances were requested by Summit Estate and Crown Pointe Condominiums asking permission to keep the pools on the premises open without a lifeguard but using the buddy system posting signage stating that this system must be followed.

- Crown Pointe will use the buddy system keeping pool hours from 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m. until the closing of the pool on September 17, 2021.
- Summit Estates Condominium keeping pool hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. until the pool closing date of September 13, 2021.

ON **MOTION** made (Cilley) **SECONDED** (Hartmann) it was **VOTED** to approve pool variances. Hartmann (YES), Cilley (YES).

Scheduling of Next Board of Health Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. All Board Members are in agreement.

On **MOTION** (Hartmann), **SECONDED** (Cilley), it was **VOTED** by roll call to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Goodman (yes), Cilley (yes), Hartmann (yes).

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

True Attest,

Diane Folan, Administrative Assistant