

# BOARD OF HEALTH

# MINUTES

2-10-22

Remote Public Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020 (the “Act”), as amended by Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Essex Board of Health was conducted via remote participation. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found within this posting below.

No in-person attendance of members of the public was permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Essex’s website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

## Access Information:

Online: Go to <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/essexboh>. You may need to download Free Conference Call software to your computer or mobile device. Call-in, audio only: (701)802-5235, Passcode: 8394489.

7:02 pm, Ms. Pereen called the BOS to order. Mr. Bradford participated remotely.

7:09 pm, Dr. Driscoll called the BOH to order. Dr. Mouchantaf also participated remotely. Ms. Rich was absent. Ms. Kirchner, Health Agent, and Ms. White, Administrative Assistant participated remotely.

7:34 pm, Ms. Bradford adjourned the BOS meeting.

- **Appointments**

7:15 pm. Participating remotely: Dan Ottenheimer, Lisa Bonneville & George Davis.

Discussion: Green Burial, 0 Essex Woods. Mr. Ottenheimer submitted documents including a property line survey showing proposed burial location, soil evaluation, GIS wetland map data as well as a list of regulatory requirements: endorsement by the local BOH, a deed notice noting internment location and endorsement by MA DEP. Ms. Kirchner stated that it does not appear that any surface water supply or tributary would be affected by internment in the described location. Dr. Driscoll made a motion for the Board to endorse the proposed internment site at 0 Essex Woods to MA DEP. Ms. Kirchner will supply a letter stating so to the owners. Dr. Mouchantaf so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

7:30 pm, Dawn Burnham, “Cooking for 1 or 2”, Senior Center Program, Variance Request not needed as the Board rescinded the Mask Mandate as of midnight, 2/11/2022.

- **Minutes**

January 13, 2022: Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve the minutes, as written, for January 13, 2022. Dr. Mouchantaf so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Bills Payable**

Bills Payable #686, \$1,547.32: Tabled.

- **Permits**

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to approve the two permits listed below:

Food Establishment Permit #29, Essex Council on Aging, 17 Pickering St. and

Disposal Works Installer’s Permit #19, Ryan Spears, Beverly, MA. Dr. Mouchantaf so moved.

**Vote: All in Favor.**

- **Other Concerns, Issues & BOH Business**

Ms. Kirchner provided the COVID update: local and regional positivity rates are dropping and there was only one hospitalization of an Essex resident within the first 10 days of February.

Discussion relative to lifting the mandate for face coverings in public places. With the exception of the schools, Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to rescind the indoor Mask Mandate effective at midnight, 2/11/2022. Dr. Mouchantaf so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Discussion: Local Public Health Internship Program. The Board agreed to have Ms. Kirchner apply for a Boston University public health graduate student intern for the summer of 2022. If accepted, the intern could help create a plan for education and outreach for Essex residents re: mosquitos, the diseases they carry and how to reduce transmission of those diseases. This plan would be an alternate mosquito management plan which could be presented to the state so that Essex might potentially opt out of the state-spraying mandate.

Dr. Driscoll entertained a motion for the Board to retroactively approval 2021 Annual Report. Dr. Mouchantaf so moved. **Vote: All in Favor.**

Dr. Driscoll adjourned the BOH meeting at 7:40 pm.

**Next BOH meeting: 2-24-22**

Prepared by:

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Ann White

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sally Ann Rich, Clerk

Signed date: \_\_\_\_\_