



Board of Health Agenda

Date: October 23, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Remote Participation

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Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

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▢	Reference Material	06262024_Minutes_Board_of_Health_draft.pdf	BOH Meeting Minutes 06262024



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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Time: 3:00pm
Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

In accordance with the Governor's [Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20](#), the June 26, 2024 public meeting of the Arlington Board of Health shall be physically closed to the public. The meeting shall instead be held virtually using Zoom.

Zoom Login instructions:

Instructions and the meeting link for this specific meeting can be found on the [Board's agenda and minutes page](#) or on the [Town's meeting calendar](#). The meeting registration information is listed below. When attendees enter the meeting, they will be placed into a virtual waiting room. Attendees will be admitted into the meeting from the waiting room at the start of the meeting.

Please register in advance for this meeting: <https://town-arlington-maus.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrduhrTMpEtfXsXgnoffBlvUUucmSEVD#/registration>

On this agenda:

Natasha Waden, Public Health Director for the Town of Arlington made the following opening statement. Consistent with the Governor's orders suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, this Town of Arlington Board of Health meeting is being held virtually via Zoom for audio and video participation of Board Members and the public. When you entered this meeting, you were automatically muted. During this meeting you will be unmuted individually as needed. These controls are in place to ensure that today's meeting is safe and effective. At this time, I would like to confirm that all members and persons anticipated on today's agenda are present and can hear me.

Board Members, when I call your name and unmute you, please respond in the affirmative.

1. Marie Walsh Condon, Aye Present
2. Laura White, Aye Present
3. Peter Rice, Aye Present

Health Department staff, please respond in the affirmative when I call your name and unmute you.

1. Jessica Kerr, Present
2. Charlotte Breef-Pilz, Present
3. Lindsey Sharp, Present

Applicants and Representatives, do we have anyone on the call representing an application?

1. Raymond Pagliarini – Keeping of Hens
2. Katherine Whang – Keeping of Hens

Thank you everyone.

As stated, this Open Meeting of the Arlington Board of Health is being conducted remotely consistent with the supplemental budget bill signed by Governor Healey on March 29, 2023.

The Order allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting.

Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will have several public comment periods, one during each of the hearings and one at the end of the meeting. If you would like to comment during one of the public comment periods, please use the "Raise Hand" function if on a computer, or "Dial *9" if on the phone. When your name or phone number is called, and you are unmuted, please state your name and provide your comment. All attendees will be afforded 3 minutes for any comments.

For this meeting, the Board of Health is convening by telephone and computer conference via Zoom as posted on the Town's Website identifying how the public may join.

Only Health Department staff will be able to share their screen during this meeting. Board Members and Department Staff may be participating by video conference. Accordingly, please be aware that other folks may be able to see you. Anything that you broadcast may be captured by the recording.

All of the materials for this meeting are available on the Novus Agenda dashboard, and I recommend that Board Members and the public follow the agenda as posted on Novus unless otherwise noted. Members of the public are encouraged to provide written public comments.

Before we get to today's agenda, I am going to cover some ground rules for effective and clear conduct of our business and to ensure accurate meeting minutes.

Marie Walsh Condon, the Board Chair, will introduce each agenda item. After the item is presented, she will go down the list of Board Members, inviting each by name to provide any comment, questions, or motions. Please hold comments or questions until your name is called and you are unmuted.

For any response, please wait until the Chair yields the floor to you, and state your name before speaking.

Finally, each vote taken during this meeting will be conducted by roll-call vote.

Dr. Marie Walsh Condon welcomed all to today's Board of Health meeting and reviewed today's agenda.

Agenda Items

1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2024

One correction was made to the spelling of Inspector Martin's name. One correction was made to the capitalization of Dr. Peter Rice's name.

Motion made by Dr. Peter Rice to approve the minutes with corrections.
2nd by Dr. Laura White.

1. Marie Walsh Condon, Aye
2. Laura White, Aye
3. Peter Rice, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion

2. CORRESPONDENCE RECIEVED

Correspondence received from Arlington resident, Susan Chapnick

Susan Chapnick voiced concerns about the poured in place playground surface temperature at the Arlington Reservoir playground. The worry of the resident is that children going from the bathing beach to the playground with no shoes will hurt their feet as the surface heats up throughout the day. Director Waden shares that any changes to the playground must be considered by many departments and is something that should be monitored going forward. Dr. Walsh Condon wants to see the outcome of the study that was referenced in the submitted materials, but otherwise has no comment. Dr. White recognizes the complexity of the situation and does not want to move forward without further thinking about the situation. Dr. Rice suggests sending the resident a response that the Board will continue to monitor the situation and is looking forward to the outcome of the study referenced.

3. KEEPING OF HENS

Keeping of Hens Permit – 267 Ridge St

Inspector Breef-Pilz shared the documents that have been submitted with the application. The application is full and complete as is required by the regulations. Abutters have been notified of the application and the Board of Health meeting. Inspector Breef-Pilz conducted an inspection of the property and reviewed the coop and pen construction plans with the applicants. The Department supports the application for Keeping of Hens at 267 Ridge St. Katherine Whang shared her interest of having hens on her property for a number of years. She has previous experience at a nearby farm caring for chickens. Dr. Walsh Condon asked if anything learned in the required course was different than her practical experience. Whang shared that the course focused more on coop construction and the care for chicks. Dr. White had no questions. Dr. Rice asked about the response of the abutters. Whang shared that some of the neighbors are very excited to learn about the chickens and have access to fresh eggs. There were questions about management with rodents and how the sound would travel from the neighbors.

Dr. Laura White made a motion to approve the application.

2nd by Dr. Peter Rice.

Marie Walsh Condon, Aye
Laura White, Aye
Peter Rice, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion

4. UPDATES:

Director

Staffing Updates

Laura Munsey, the office manager for Health and Human Services, has not been joining the meetings recently as she has had other responsibilities. She is currently on medical leave and will be coming back to work shortly. Inspector Pat Martin is currently also on medical leave, there is no current timeline for his return. Director of Health and Human Services, Colleen Leger is anticipated to be on leave for a period of time this summer. The Recreation Director, Joe Connelly, is stepping down from his role at the beginning of the summer. Director Waden shared that she will be stepping in as the interim Director for the next few months. Director Waden will be starting that role on July 12th. Christine Bongiorno will be coming back to supervise the Health and Human Services Department in the meantime. Lindsey Sharp, regional Public Health Specialist, will also be spending another day in Arlington to cover for the absences in the Department.

Dr. Walsh Condon appreciates the flexibility of the staff and offers the support of the Board during the staffing shortage. Dr. White asked if a decrease in services will follow the staffing shortage. Director Waden shares that some responsibilities will be shifted; the food consultant Mojin Solutions will take a majority of the Food re-inspections and plan review tasks from the Department. The reaction to some complaints such as leafblowers may change. The Departments response to emergency situations will still be the same. The housing complaint response may shift to fit with the staff schedule. Prioritization may shift, and staff time will be reallocated. Dr. Rice offered his time in support of the Department.

Public Health Excellence Grant

Director Waden shared that the Rodent Control Program media content will be going out soon. Waden also highlighted that the Regional group is built to support these staffing changes that the Department is facing, the other towns were glad to be of use to Arlington by sharing staff.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

The Proofer is no longer functioning; equipment will have to be rented from the state to inspect oil trucks. Mike Olsen is getting training for these tasks.

5. UPDATES:

Public Health Nurse

Jessica Kerr shared about the Community Health Needs Assessment. The project is at a good point, Health Resources in Action is currently collecting primary data with key informant interviews and focus groups. The focus groups have been formed from various community groups; all groups are asked the same questions about their experiences in Arlington. The data collection will be completed by mid-August with an Advisory Committee meeting in September to highlight the gaps for services.

6. UPDATES:

Environmental Health

Director Waden shared that algal bloom inspections will begin soon. Menotomy Rocks Park has been pretreated by the Arlington Water Bodies Working Group; the group is also ensuring filtration equipment is functioning properly. Spy Pond and the Reservation are larger bodies of water that will be monitored by the Department. There has been one treatment of the catch basin for mosquito larvacide. There will be another application towards the end of the summer. Mosquitos are regularly tested by the state for West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). The Department is doing tick and mosquito awareness education. Camps and Pools are open and operating for the year.

Dr. Rice asked about the history of closing or limiting recreation. Director Waden shared about the bacteria level testing of the bathing beaches in town. After a heavy rain the bacteria levels can be affected and these beaches can be closed if the lab results show the levels to be too high. Visible algae blooms would also lead to posting an advisory to avoid the bodies of water.

7. UPDATES:

Restaurants

Director Waden shared that there are multiple plan reviews to be processed by the Department and Mojin Solutions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

Dr. Rice went to a Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference and got multiple Pocket Talk translation devices through a grant.

Motion made by Dr. Peter Rice to adjourn.
2nd by Dr. Laura White.

1. Marie Walsh Condon, Aye
2. Laura White, Aye
3. Peter Rice, Aye

Vote: 3-0 (unanimous) in favor of the motion

Thank you everyone for attending and participating in today's meeting. Have a nice day.



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2. Hearing of Body Art Permit Application

ATTACHMENTS:

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▢	Reference Material	Janella_Mele_Practitioner_BOH_memo_10- 23-2024.pdf	Practitioner memo



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Memo

To: Board of Health Members
From: Charlotte Breef-Pilz, Health Compliance Officer
Date: October 18, 2024
RE: Body Art Practitioner Permit – Janella Mele

Janella Mele will be submitting an Application for a Body Art Practitioner Permit. This application is for a permit to practice at Ink Jam Tattoos at 12 Park Ave. This application is sought to practice tattoo. The application will be reviewed in accordance with the Town of Arlington Rules and Regulations for Body Art Establishments and Practitioners. I have been in communication with the applicant and will review the application prior to the meeting.

The applicant has been an apprentice in Arlington for two years, gaining experience at Ink Jam Tattoos while holding an apprentice permit from the Board of Health.

The following items will be shared with the Board prior to the meeting and will be available at the meeting for all participants:

1. Body Art Practitioner Application
2. Driver License and secondary form of ID
3. Anatomy and Physiology Certificate
4. Current First Aid/CPR Certificate
5. Bloodborne Pathogens Training
6. Record of experience and training over the past two years
7. Permits to practice as an apprentice in Arlington from February 2022