



**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
Meeting Minutes**

**BOARD/COMMITTEE:** Board of Health

**MEETING DATE:** 3/31/21

**TIME:** 7:30PM

**PLACE:** Virtual Meeting – this meeting was conducted via remote participation, pursuant to the Current Executive Order.

**Members Present:** Marie Cannon, Bryan Lynch, Pamela Follett

**Other Attendees:** Jim Garreffo, Agent for the Board

**Appointments:** NONE

**Discussions:**

**Update/New Well Regulations:** BL presented the DEP's model Groundwater Protection Board of Health regulations for the Board's consideration. The Board noted the existence of water quality issues (salt, discovery of PFAS), the number of public water supply wells, (PWS) and proposed new businesses in Town as reasons for adoption of these regulation to address the risks to the groundwater. The Board reviewed the model regulations and the need to get map information (showing the most accurate location of the water protection areas) listed in the regulations. After discussion, the Board voted to approve the proposed model regulations, updated to include the correct map of the water supplies.

**Beaver Brook Campus alternatives/proposals (former Cisco property):** BL informed the Board of a meeting to discuss alternatives for this property. The site has a PWS and on-site wastewater treatment plant regulated by MassDEP (the capacity of the plant has been recently reduced). One of the ideas presented to the Board was mixed use (combination of senior housing and office/retail). The ability to provide potable water and sewage disposal for this, and any future project would need to be reviewed by the Board.

**Biosafety Rules and Regulations:** PF reviewed proposed regulations with the Board for their final input, public comment and Board approval. The draft reflects a change to require the same permitting process (including an IBC) for all biotech companies doing either BSL-1 or BSL-2. The Board reviewed comments from Les Fox, and JG discussed the quantity limitations found in the Bedford regulations (Bedford wanted the ability to review processes, changes to ensure the

production of larger quantities of product could be done safely) and decided to add quantity limitation to the proposed regulations (1500 gallons) to allow for additional oversight. BL moved, and MC 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Board voted to approve the regulations, with the addition of the quantity limit.

Cindy Markowitz joined the meeting in progress; had some questions regarding the proposed Biosafety Regulations, and the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) being recommended by the Board, and also discussed the coordination of water and wastewater issues with the various Boards and DEP. The Board explained they had appointed PF as an Agent of the Board and the regulations would require businesses to have an IBC, as outlined in their regulations. The expectation was to post the new Biosafety Regulations (outline) in the Beacon in the near future with reference to the Board's website for the complete Regulations.

1) COVID-19:

2) CORRESPONDENCE: Not on Agenda

3) DRINKING WATER REPORTS: Not on Agenda

4) SDS / WWTF / Groundwater Discharge Reports : Not on Agenda

5) FOR SIGNATURE: **Approved**

- Invoice – bill for Bti product used by Central Mass Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) for spring application typically executed 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April.