



**BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH
645 PINE STREET MAP ROOM OR REMOTELY VIA ZOOM
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 7, 2025**

1. Agenda

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Attending the meeting were board chair, Celia Bird, Jenny Tomczak, Jane Seymour, Judy Rivers, Bianca Cimrin, and Health Officer Bill Ward.

There was a motion to approve the agenda by Jenny with a second by Jane. Unanimous vote in favor.

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda

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2. Review Draft Minutes from December 2, 2024

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Jane made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the December 2024 meeting. Judy seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

3. Public Forum

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Amy Kimmel and Rob Perry attended and spoke during public forum expressing their interest in keeping updated on the Syringe Exchange program resolution work that the board was continuing.

Subject

3.1. Verbal Comments

Meeting

January 7, 2025 - January 7, 2025 Board of Health - Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 5:30 PM, 645 Pine Street Map room OR REMOTELY via ZOOM

Category

3. Public Forum

Department

Council and Board

Type

3.1. Verbal Comments

4. Deputy Health Officer Appointment

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Bill provided an overview of his recommendation for Tim Ahonen as Deputy Health Officer. Jenny motioned to approve the recommendation. 2nd by Judy. Unanimous vote in favor.

5. City Council syringe exchange resolution updates

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The board spend a majority of their time on this issue discussing logistics of how to proceed with preparing a report to city council in February. The majority of the work was divided up to allow members to work on specific areas. The tentative plan was for Jane to provide the current draft by January 18th to another member who would add their work to the draft before passing the document off to the next member. The final draft with all added materials will come back to the February meeting for a discussion and public vote on the draft.

6. Health Equity

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No report this meeting.

7. Chair Report

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Bill gave a housing update on three properties at different stages of enforcement. They were 1) 246 North Winooski Avenue which was recently vacated and sold to a new owner, 2) 31 Willow Street which was the subject of a housing board of review hearing the day before the BOH meeting and 3) 119 Spruce Street which is a property that is now on the vacant building list.

8. Public Outreach / Communications

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Bill will review cold weather safety messages from the VDH and the City before sharing a Front Porch Forum message on behalf of the Board before the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

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Jane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.