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The mission of the Board of Health is to educate the citizens of Burlington and to promote, improve, and protect their health and well-being while contributing toward building a health community and environment in which to live.

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

In-Person at 645 Pine Street and Virtual Meeting

Thursday April 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH In Person and Virtual Meeting Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Attending: William Ward, Celia Bird, Jenny Tomczak, Pat Payne, Hannah Cunningham, Josh Gerry, Celeste Crowley

Absent: Julie Hathaway

Meeting called to order by Interim Chair Hathaway at 6:36 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Approvals: a. Agenda b. Approval of August Minutes	a. April Agenda – Approved with amendment. Motion for Celia Bird to be Interim Chair in the absence of Julie. b. March meeting Minutes – postponed until members can review the minutes	Jenny motioned, Pat 2 nd . ~Approved
2. Public Forum	There were no public attendees.	
3. Pesticide Applications a. Treeworks – Centennial Court	Applicant did not attend meeting. Board members motioned to defer until they could ask applicant questions. Board members will submit their questions and Admin will reach out to applicant to have them answered.	Patrick motioned; Jenny 2 nd
4. Eradicating Systemic Racism	Patrick reported some of his research regarding heat emergencies. Reiterating the need for Heat and Cooling Stations. He discussed that there are no clear lines of when it is considered too hot or too cold. Right now the weather advisories are the only indicators available.	

	There is very little literature available discussing chronic symptoms that may emerge due to heat exposure. Typically, Vermonters tend to be more susceptible to heat exposure due to our general climate being cooler. Lack of housing increases the risk of exposure.	
5. Health Officer Update a. Housing Update b. Reappointment – Steve Cormier, William Ward	Bill gave a quick update on housing inspections. There are 3,000 rental properties with 11,000 units. 85% of them have the highest inspection rating. Housing has been working diligently to work with property owners to get these ratings. We will discuss this in more depth at the next meeting, but he wanted to share the most recent statistics. After a brief discussion of Steve’s service experience, dependability, and his ability to be a respectful spokesperson for the Board of Health, the Board of Health motioned to reappoint him as the Deputy Town Health Officer. The Board of Health motioned to reappoint Steve for Deputy Health Officer. We reviewed the responsibilities of the Town Health Officer (THO) and Deputy Health Officers (DHO). The THO is responsible for appointing deputy officers, overseeing the City’s health needs. With such a big community, in Burlington, deputy officers are appointed to assist with housing complaints, animal bites, vaccinations, and housing/health code enforcement. Bill reviewed the process; CVOEO and the Board of Health recommend the reappointment to the City Council. The board members agree that with Bill’s experience, knowledge, loyalty, and dependability, they are confident in recommending his reappointment. The Board of Health motioned to reappoint Bill for Deputy Health Officer.	Patrick motioned, Jenny 2nd. All in Favor. Jenny motioned, Patrick 2nd. All in Favor.
6. Chair Report	Celia discussed how great it has been to watch and interact with long time board members. And that the Board of Health is	

	innovative and holds onto important topics. She is glad she has been able to be part of it. Jenny gave an update on the State's railroad pesticide permitting process. She submitted comments to Vtrans in April asking for deadlines, what types of public notifications are published, and with our waterfront being so heavily used by residents and tourist we would like to have better notification of when pesticides will be applied so we can post signage.	
7. Emerging Issues a. BHS students	There is community support for the students but it is hard to reach BHS to formulate a recognition event as they are all so busy.	
8. Public Outreach / Communications a. Front Porch Forum	The board discussed options for a FPF post and agreed on a pollinator awareness post.	
9. Next Meeting	The next regular meeting is scheduled for May12 at 6:30pm	Meet via Zoom or in person.
10. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm	Patrick motioned, Josh 2 nd .