



BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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1. Board of Health Agenda

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Subject **1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda**

Meeting January 16, 2024 - Board of Health - Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 6:30 PM,
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Category 1. Board of Health Agenda

Department

Type

Recommended Action

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda

Members present: Celia Bird, Patrick Payne, Jennny Tomczak and Ines Ines Castro.
Staff present, Housing Division Manager Patti Wehman.

Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda. Ines 2nd. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Subject **1.2. Apprioval of Draft December Minutes**

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Department Permitting & Inspections

Type

Recommended Action

1.2. Apprioval of Draft December Minutes

Patrick made a motion to approve the December minutes. Ines 2nd. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Public Forum

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No members of the public were present.

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2.1. Verbal Comments

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2. Public Forum

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Council and Board

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2.1. Verbal Comments

3. Board Member Vacancy update

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The board members spent some time brainstorming about how to get applications from interested community members and how to get the word out that the board was looking to fill a vacancy. Discussion included ideas like Front Porch Forum and Grad Net noting that a medical background was not necessary, just an interest in serving.

4. Substance Abuse and Safe Syringe Disposal

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The board discussed sharps disposal and liability concerns around providing containers to business owners. They also talked about the question: Would the board have to provide training and direction on where folks should bring the containers to be disposed of?

The current message remains to direct folks to SeeClickFix if they see sharps/needles currently.

5. Eradicating Systemic Racism

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The board shared their commentary around the two public safety forums, which were seen as generally positive.

6. New Budget Requests

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Three items were brought up for consideration in upcoming meetings.

- 1) Fragrance free zinc sunscreen with the BOH Logo or message.
- 2) \$500 to \$600 for a conference in late Summer or Fall. This would come from the 2025 fiscal year if it was after July 1, 2024.
- 3) Donation to a charitable cause on behalf of a former member of the Board of Health.

7. Chair Report

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Celia talked about the Oakledge For All Park project. The project is advertised as our region's first universally accessible playground, a concept supported by the Board of Health. The board will work on a draft resolution in support of the project.

Celia also discussed the book About Us, which she strongly recommended.

Celia gave an update on the status of gun safety and Gun Safe Vermont. Outreach will be made to a local expert, Dr. Bell who is an associate professor of pediatrics, a pediatric critical care physician at UVM Childrens Hospital and President of the Vermont Medical Society.

8. Emerging Issues

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No other emerging issues were brought up other than existing agenda items.

9. Public Outreach / Communications

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The vacancy on the Board of Health was deemed to be the priority communication. Having a full board is a pressing issue in order to reach a quorum if any other members are unexpectedly absent.

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10.1. Motion to adjourn

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10. Adjournment

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Recommended Action

10.1. Motion to adjourn

Jenny motioned that the Board adjourn their meeting. There was a 2nd by Ines. The vote was unanimous in favor.