



## Meeting Minutes #0520.21

### MEDFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH Meeting dated May 20, 2021

#### *Members Present:*

Stephen Resch, Carol Read, Holly Rand, Melissa Coughlin and Kathleen Thompson; and Meena Chivukula, Associate Member,

#### *Also Present:*

Bridget Sweet, Health Agent, Nancy Bennotti, Administrative Assistant, Kristine Trierweiler, Town Administrator. Also, Kevin Sanders and Ryan Boucher, EBI Consulting, Eric Kelley, Environmental Partners, David O'Toole, Superintendent, Town of Medfield Water Department; and Nathan Bazinet, Medfield, MA

#### **Meeting was through Zoom teleconferencing.**

Dr Resch opened the meeting by reading the notice of meeting by remote participation.

#### **Stormwater Drainage Review: Medfield Water Treatment Plant (Town Wells 3 & 4)**

Eric Kelley, Principal and Project Manager at Environmental Partners presented the Medfield Water Treatment Plant (Wells 3 & 4) project to the Board of Health, giving history of the present wells and factors that make it necessary to upgrade the facility. In addition to the Board of Health, the project has been permitted through MassDEP, the Medfield Conservation Commission and Medfield Zoning Board of Appeals. The project was approved at Town Meeting. Construction start date is anticipated to begin in August 2021 with a completion date toward the end of 2022 with the facility commissioned in 2023.

After the presentation, Mr. Kelley addressed the following questions by the board members:

Confirmation that there will be full 360 degree parking to enable fire protection access as well as chemical delivery. The parking spaces include ADA compliance spaces at the site.

Incorporated into both the plant design and pumping capacity is the capability to integrate into the plant for the additional treatment of PFAS and other emerging contaminants. Due to the prevalence of PFAS, it is now a requirement that is conditioned into MassDEP approvals.

Mr. Sanders confirmed that the only condition is the filing of a SWPPP prior to start of construction.

Mrs Coughlin made a motion to conditionally approve the permit, as set forth in the Memo dated March 21, 2021 by EBI Consulting. Mrs. Rand provided second; roll call vote: 5-0 unanimous, motion carried.

**Stormwater Drainage Review: Bank of America EV Charging Station**

Mr Sanders re-reviewed the plans and recommended approval with regard to the drainage issue in the parking lot and Item 2 of the Planning Board Decision.

Mrs Read made motion to approve the Bank of America EV Charging Station as reviewed and written by EBI HR gave second; roll call vote: 5-0 unanimous, motion carried.

Dr Resch commented that the process set forth by Mr Sanders as

Mrs Trierweiler shared that Town Planner, Sarah Raposa, has invited Jeff Kane onto a study committee with the goal of streamlining the process for stormwater applications.

**Update: Health Agent**

Given the Governor's decision to lift all restrictions on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The health agent would like to know if, going forward, does the Board anticipate being more restrictive than the state guidance. Board members discussed and concluded that there is no anticipation of being more restrictive at this time. Provided summary of April/May activities by email to members. With the decision to lift restrictions, the health agent does expect an uptick in activities at state level. Will provide mini-training for young adults who will be working as camp counselors at the Park & Rec camp this summer.

**Permits:**

CR made motion that SR has authority to sign permits as listed on the BOH meeting email 10 animal permits and rest as listed. MC provided second. Roll call vote was 5-0 unanimous, motion carried.

**Discussion: COVID-19 Cases**

Mrs Coughlin asked about an uptick in cases in the high school. Mrs Thompson confirmed that there has been an increase in cases in the freshman class. Most cases were related to a community group with multiple exposures from car pools, family members and a social get together. Most of the cases were found from Pooled Testing or from follow up of close contacts. Board members reviewed the COVID testing being done and Ms. Thompson noted the need to educate parents that many cold and allergy symptoms could be indicative of COVID and require testing. The schools have not received an update of possible funding for the Pooled Program in the fall.

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Next meeting date is Thursday June 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Will let members know if by Zoom or in person.

Mrs Coughlin made a motion to adjourn, Mrs Rand provided second, roll call vote, 5-0 unanimous, motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned.**

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