

TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2021

Approved: K.K.
Keith Kent
9/1/2021

WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK
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Present: Chairman Keith Kent, Lionel Cloutier, Garret Wante, Edward Bond and Tina Santos

Also Present: James Abare, Board of Health Agent

List of Documents:

- Agenda for August 9, 2021
- Food Permits: Zoe's, Dunkin Donuts (93 Gardner Road), Sweet Treat Bakery, Williams Package Store, Mike Hunt and Heal Winchendon (temporary)
- Invoices: Health Agent, James Abare

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:04PM.

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Chair Update

Chairman Kent said as of August 5, 2021, Winchendon's number concerning Covid 19 cases are not good. Four weeks ago, the rate was 0.35%, three weeks ago 1.73%, two weeks ago 3.68% (yellow target) and now the rate is 3.73%. Chairman Kent said in Winchendon 72% of the residents have gotten their 1st Covid vaccination and 52% are fully vaccinated. The Mass average is 65% vaccinated.

Chairman Kent said he is speaking as the chair and not for the Board and asked people to please consider getting vaccinated. He said the CDC said the Delta variant is as contagious as chicken pox.

Health Agent James Abare said to talk to your family doctor for advice.

Chairman Kent said 29% of the residents ages 12- to 15-year-old are vaccinated and 39.5% of the residents ages 39-50-year-old are vaccinated.

Chairman Kent said he received an email from a resident asking if the Board of Health could mandate masks be worn in all town owned buildings in Winchendon. Garrett Wante said they should follow the CDC regulations, which if you are unvaccinated, you have to wear masks in buildings and if you are vaccinated, then you don't. Edward Bond recommended letting School Committee/Superintendent decide and let Town Manager decide. Tina Santos said follow CDC guidelines. Lionel Cloutier agreed. Chairman Kent said the Board at this time agreed to follow CDC guidelines.

Food Permits

A motion was made by Edward Bond to approve food permit #2141 Mike Hunt and was seconded by Lionel Cloutier. Roll Call Vote: Garrett Wante yes, Edward Bond yes, Lionel Cloutier yes, Tina Santos yes, and Keith Kent yes.

A motion was made by Lionel Cloutier to approve a temporary food permit #2140 for Heal Winchendon with the fee waived and was seconded by Garrett Wante. Roll Call Vote: Garrett Wante yes, Edward Bond yes, Lionel Cloutier yes, Tina Santos yes, and Keith Kent yes.

A motion was made by Edward Bond to approve food permit #2139 for Williams Package Store and was seconded by Tina Santos. Roll Call Vote: Garrett Wante yes, Edward Bond yes, Lionel Cloutier yes, Tina Santos yes, and Keith Kent yes.

A motion was made by Lionel Cloutier to approve food permit #2138 for Sweet Treat Bakery and was seconded by Edward Bond. Roll Call Vote: Garrett Wante yes, Edward Bond yes, Lionel Cloutier yes, Tina Santos yes, and Keith Kent yes.

A motion was made by Edward Bond to approve food permit #2137 for Dunkin Donuts (93 Gardner Road) and was seconded by Tina Santos. Roll Call Vote: Garrett Wante yes, Edward Bond yes, Lionel Cloutier yes, Tina Santos yes, and Keith Kent yes.

A motion was made by Lionel Cloutier to approve food permit #2136 for Zoe's and was seconded by Garrett Wante. Roll Call Vote: Garrett Wante yes, Edward Bond yes, Lionel Cloutier yes, Tina Santos yes, and Keith Kent yes.

Invoices

A motion was made by Lionel Cloutier to pay the Health Agent James Abare the sum of \$116.50 for reimbursement for insect repellent (\$11.50) and Soil Evaluators License (\$105.00). The motion was seconded by Edward Bond. Roll Call Vote: Garrett Wante yes, Edward Bond yes, Lionel Cloutier yes, Tina Santos yes, and Keith Kent yes.

Reorganization of the Board

A motion was made by Edward Bond to nominate Keith Kent as Chairman. A motion was made by Lionel Cloutier to keep the Board the way it is. After some discussion by the Board. Lionel Cloutier retracted his motion. Garrett Wante seconded the motion made by Edward Bond to have Keith Kent as Chairman. Roll Call Vote: Garrett Wante yes, Edward Bond yes, Lionel Cloutier yes, Tina Santos yes, and Keith Kent yes.

A motion was made by Lionel Cloutier and seconded by Tina Santos to nominate Garrett Wante as the Vice Chairman. Roll Call Vote: Garrett Wante yes, Edward Bond yes, Lionel Cloutier yes, Tina Santos yes, and Keith Kent yes.

A motion was made by Lionel Cloutier and seconded by Edward Bond to nominate Tina Santos as Clerk. Roll Call Vote: Garrett Wante yes, Edward Bond yes, Lionel Cloutier yes, Tina Santos yes, and Keith Kent yes.

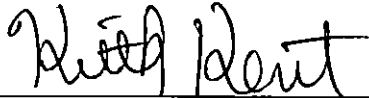
Edward Bond asked about the Air Quality Control test that was done at Town Hall. James Abare said he would go over it with him.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Lionel Cloutier and seconded by Edward Bond. Roll call vote: Garrett Wante yes, Edward Bond yes, Lionel Cloutier yes, Tina Santos yes, and Keith Kent yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Dennis, Recording Secretary



Chairman Keith Kent



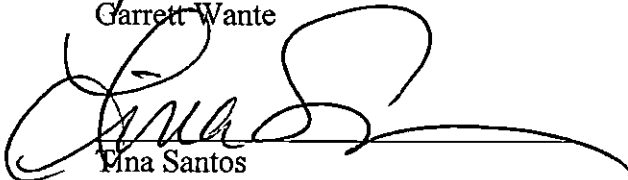
Lionel Cloutier



Edward Bond



Garrett Wante



Tina Santos