

**Braintree Board of Health  
Meeting Held Via Zoom  
Thursday, May 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Arthur Bregoli, Chairman  
Dr. Philip Nedelman, Vice Chairman

**NOT PRESENT:** Juliana Melchionda, Clerk

**ALSO PRESENT:** Marybeth McGrath, Director of ML & I

Dr. Bregoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by roll call vote: Dr. Bregoli-yes;  
Dr. Nedelman-yes

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Ms. McGrath informed the Board the April 10, 2025 minutes will be placed on the June agenda.

**New Business:**

Request for Lifeguard Variance:

River Bend Condominium Trust, 399 Pond Street

Barry Jennings, Chair of the Board of Trustees, was present before the Board via Zoom.

Ms. McGrath stated this has been an annual request for over 25 years. They have an outdoor swimming pool and the bather load experienced traditionally has been relatively low. A bather load report for 2024 has been provided. The pool usually opens on or about Memorial Day weekend and closes just after Labor Day. Ms. McGrath recommended approval of the request for variance.

**Motion By:** Dr. Nedelman to approve a lifeguard variance request for River Bend Condominium Trust, 399 Pond Street

**Second By:** **Dr. Bregoli**  
**Voted by roll call:**  
**Dr. Bregoli-yes; Dr. Nedelman-yes**

Liberty Park Apartments, 1 Matthew Lane

Alyssa Concannon, Property Manager, was present before the Board via Zoom.

Ms. McGrath stated they have requested a partial lifeguard variance to have the pool open without a lifeguard from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. seven days a week. They will have a lifeguard on duty from 11:30 a.m. until the pool closes at 7:00 p.m. A bather load

report has been provided for 2024 showing they have relatively low activity. This is the same variance they requested last year and the Board approved. Ms. McGrath recommended approval.

**Motion By:** Dr. Nedelman to approve a lifeguard variance request for Liberty Park Apartments, 1 Matthew Lane

**Second By:** Dr. Bregoli

**Voted by roll call:**

**Dr. Bregoli-yes; Dr. Nedelman-yes**

**Intermunicipal Agreement-Public Health Excellence Grant for Shared Services:**

Ms. McGrath reported the state conducted a project study in 2019 of Boards of Health to ensure there were equitable resources. As a result of this study the state put together the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Public Health Excellence Grant for Shared Services. In 2022 Braintree was approached to participate in a shared services program with several abutting communities. Braintree was able to enter into a program with Randolph, Weymouth, Quincy and Holbrook to help enhance staffing needs. An intermunicipal agreement was created and since that time they have been able to share a food inspector, which has been very helpful in assisting the staff with inspections.

Ms. McGrath stated the grant is for three year cycles and they are now going through the second round of grant cycles. The same documentation as the first round needs to be reviewed by the Board of Health, the Mayor, and the Town Council. This is the start of the process by bringing this to the Board for review and approval of continued participation in this program. The next step would be to bring it forward to the Mayor and then the Town Council for approval. Braintree does not oversee or administer the budget, that is handled by Randolph, who is the host agency for the five communities. They receive the funding and oversee and administer that funding. She stated this is definitely a positive public health enhancement for Braintree as they are short staffed. Ms. McGrath stated there is the Intermunicipal Agreement Document and an addended page with an internal Memorandum of Understanding that will have to be signed if the Board agrees.

Dr. Bregoli stated he reviewed the documents and is happy this has worked for the past three years. He stated he is ready to approve this on Ms. McGrath's recommendation. Ms. McGrath stated there have been no issues and the inspector they have been using is wonderful. Dr. Nedelman indicated this sounds good. He asked how many towns are involved. Ms. McGrath stated their region is entitled the Norfolk Five East and includes Braintree, Randolph, Quincy, Weymouth, and Holbrook. He asked if the participation was based on population. Ms. McGrath indicated no, there is an advisory board and each health director is a member of that board and the money is used strictly for public health. She stated she represents Braintree on the board.

Dr. Nedelman and Dr. Bregoli were both in agreement to endorse.

**Motion By:** Dr. Nedelman to endorse Board of Health approval of the Intermunicipal Agreement

**Second By:** Dr. Bregoli  
**Voted by roll call:**  
**Dr. Bregoli-yes; Dr. Nedelman-yes**

**Informational:**

Ms. McGrath stated all the town departments are going through their FY26 budget process with the Mayor's office and Town Council. Annual town meeting is being held on May 27.

Ms. McGrath announced beach testing will begin in mid June. She will contact the Parks Department to determine when their programs will be starting.

Ms. McGrath announced Norfolk County Mosquito Control has completed their annual larvicide application to the wetlands via helicopter. They will begin their ground application through truck mounted sprayers from Memorial Day through September, weather dependent.

**Motion By:** Dr. Nedelman to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**Second By:** Dr. Bregoli  
**Voted by roll call:**  
**Dr. Bregoli-yes; Dr. Nedelman-yes**