

KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 24, 2022

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Present: Chairman Joe Casna, Dennis Randall, Janet Wade, Bill Kavol, Kieran Kelleher, Leanne McGuinness and Arthur Boyle

6:07 p.m. Kingston Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Casna.

**DISCUSSIONS**

Mask Mandate for Town owned buildings

- Leanne McGuinness states that the cases in Kingston have dropped to 30 and has put the town in a safer situation. She highly recommends lifting the mandate.
- Dennis Randall warns that the best weapon against covid is not mandates but to exercise caution and make their own decisions. Covid is still out there and education and information is key.

**Motion to lift the mask mandate at town owned buildings immediately: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Bill Kavol**

**4-0-0**

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE – JEAN LANDIS NAUMANN**

- Single-Use Plastic Bag Bylaw
- Bylaw submitted to the Town for consideration as a warrant article
- Bylaw must be enforced by the Board of Health and the Health Agent. The Recycling Committee has no authority to enforce the bylaw.
- The Recycling Committee strongly needs the support of the Board of Health.
- The bylaw eliminates all single-use plastic bags and encourages people to use the reusables.
- The bylaw shall take effect six months following approval of the Bylaw by the Attorney General or September 1, 2022, whichever is later; however, if a retail establishment cannot comply with the effective date of this bylaw due to the economic hardship; the establishment may petition the Board of Health for a three-month extension.
- Supermarkets are on board. Big Y already stopped using the bags and Stop & Shop can switch over quickly. Kingston is the only town locally that still uses the bags at Stop & Shop.
- Jean will be approaching the Kingston Collection management to make sure there won't be any issues with the retailers.
- There are over 140 communities in the state that have passed this bylaw.
- Kieran Kelleher states that the Town of Plymouth rolled this out and it went very smoothly.
- Joe Casna states that the support of the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission is vital to getting this bylaw passed.

**Motion to support the bylaw being proposed by the Recycling Committee to ban single-use plastic bags: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Bill Kavol**

**4-0-0**

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- October 25, 2021

**Motion to accept minutes from October 25, 2021: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Bill Kavol**

**4-0-0**

- November 1, 2021

**Motion to accept minutes from November 1, 2022: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Bill Kavol**

**4-0-0**

- November 15, 2021

**Motion to accept minutes from November 15, 2021: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Bill Kavol**

**4-0-0**

#### **HEALTH AGENT REPORT**

- Lin Yuang has ended her contract tracing for the department.
- A meeting was held regarding the Shared Excellence Grant, Elise was in attendance so she could remain updated.
- Janet volunteered to attend Grant meetings until a new Health Agent comes in.
- Arthur Boyle, Bill Kavol and I went on an inspection at the Royal Garden, and they passed with flying colors.
- Investigating rodent complaints of Chilton Ave.
- Septic process outline is in place.

#### **CONSULTANT'S REPORT**

- Food inspections completely up to date
- Thank you Kieran

#### **NURSES REPORT – LEANNE MCGUNNESS**

- So far, we have vaccinated 3,360 people
- 60 people vaccinated at Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>'s clinic a KIS
- Only have 32 cases right now
- The numbers are not too accurate due to the at home tests

#### **HEALTHY KINGSTON – JANET WADE**

- Taped our 33<sup>rd</sup> show today the 24<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker Christin Seba who has worked in oncology for the last 15 years.
- Updated people with dates of clinics that are coming up.
- Met with Kathy Gallerani of the Kingston Reporter who is doing an article on Healthy Kingston.

**Agenda for March 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

- Form a committee to screen candidates for Health Agent position

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Bill Kavol**

**Vote: 4-0-0**

Elise Desmond, Administrative Assistant

Kingston Board of Health

Approved: MARCH 21, 2022