

KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 7, 2022

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Present: Chairman Joe Casna (virtual), Dennis Randall, Janet Wade, Bill Kavol, Heidi Whipple, Leanne McGuinness (virtual) and Arthur Boyle

6:05 p.m. Kingston Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Casna.

**CONSULTANT'S REPORT**

- Septic system requests are picking up for the season
- Inspected new restaurant B3 at the mall. It will be a nice addition.

**NURSES REPORT – LEANNE MCGUNNESS**

- 18 positive cases. We haven't had numbers like that since July 2021.
- Ordered more vaccine for the upcoming clinics on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Maven has been caught up. Covid cases in Maven is 2.
- Council on aging clinics have been successful. Double the clientele because of the mask mandate being lifted.
- Meeting with a group of Public Health Nurses second Thursday every month for an hour virtually. There are roughly 10 in the group. It has been very helpful.
- Signed up for Mental Health First Aid seminar on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- December 6, 2021

**Motion to accept minutes from December 6, 2021: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Heidi**

**5-0-0**

**Janet Wade**

- Need to follow up on action items
- Blood Drives
- Leanne checked in with Boston Children's Hospital. We are too far out for them to travel for now. It's called Half Pints. We need to check in with Craig at the Fire Department to see about blood drives there. We can reach out to the Silver Lake student nursing volunteers head. She is from Allied Health and she has done the program at The American Red Cross. She would be a good resource and we can piggyback it with the students for the community service hours they need to complete for graduation.
- Accessibility at the Adams Center. Arthur said to touch base with Paul Armstrong. It's highly unlikely that something can be done there to improve the accessibility.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- December 20, 2021

**Motion to accept minutes from December 20, 2022: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Heidi Whipple**

**5-0-0**

- January 3, 2022

**Motion to accept minutes from January 3, 2022: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Heidi Whipple**

**5-0-0**

### HEALTHY KINGSTON – JANET WADE

- Healthy Kingston Clipboard was submitted to the Kingston Reporter on March 7, 2022. Creating and maintaining green space.
- Program #33 of Healthy Kingston was completed. It focuses on cancer as the #2 cause of death in the United States and a Covid update is provided.
- Program #34 will be taped via Zoom on March 24, 2022 at 1:00 PM. The focus will be on the environment. Guests to include: Joe Casna, Matt Penella, Pine DuBois and Jean Landis Naumann.
- Heidi Whipple asked if there will be any conversation about the Pilgrim Power Plant's dumping of nuclear of wastewater into the Plymouth Bay.
- Janet – there will be a conversation.

### DISCUSSIONS

- Joe Casna – We have a number of applicants for the Health Agent position. We should form a committee to go through the applications and recommend applicants to the Board. He suggests having Gloria Mitchell, Arthur Boyle and Tina Calisto-Betti the HR Director. If we have Board members on the committee it could create a conflict of interest.
- Dennis recommends someone from the COA to be on the committee. Joe Favaloro.
- Janet Wade recommends the Fire Chief and anyone else outside the Town Hall.
- Joe Casna – Arthur Boyle brings the experience of the position. Gloria Mitchell and Tina Calisto-Betti come from management and that gives them authority to vet candidates.
- Heidi Whipple recommends Leanne McGuinness.
- Gloria Mitchell says that would be a conflict of interest.
- Gloria Mitchell says the committee should filter the candidates down to qualified candidates and then present them to the Board.
- Leanne McGuinness recommends putting Mark Douglass to be on the committee. He's our backup vaccine coordinator and he knows the goals of the department.
- Joe Casna recommends Adam Hatch instead of Mark Douglass because there won't be a conflict.

**Motion to have Joe Favaloro, Gloria Mitchell, Tina Calisto-Betti, Arthur Boyle and Adam Hatch serve on the committee to screen applicants: Dennis Randall**

- Gloria doesn't agree that Joe Favaloro would be a good pick. Arthur, Tina and Adam. Adam would be a pair of fresh eyes.
- Dennis believes that the senior population would be well represented by Joe, seeing that the Health Dept. works very closely with the Council on Aging.

- Bill Kavol – Doesn't agree with having Joe Favaloro on the committee.
- Joe Casna – Politics needs to be left out of the decision. We have applicants that have relationships with Board members.

**Amend motion to have Arthur Boyle, Tina Calisto-Betti, Gloria Mitchell and Adam Hatch to serve on the committee to screen applicants: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Heidi Whipple**

**5-0-0**

#### **DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED**

- Budget has been submitted. Elise to have copies of budget to go over at next meeting.
- Shared Excellence Grant – Joe Casna suggests having the representatives from the other towns come for a meeting at the Town House. The towns included are Plymouth, Carver, Plympton and Wareham along with Kingston. Preferably respective Health Agents and Health Board Chairs. Including them in the thought process is key.
- Heidi Whipple agrees.
- Janet Wade put together a list of ideas to be shared at next meeting.
- Dennis Randall – Due to the disturbing events overseas it would be beneficial to revisit our Emergency Preparedness Plan. Would like to reach out to the KEMA people for input. Preparedness is essential. Prudent precaution and prudent preparedness. Cyber-attacks could be imminent. There could major disruptions in communication systems.
- Leanne McGuinness can reach out the Massachusetts Response Team.
- Joe Casna – Gloria Mitchell to manage the committee and start interviews.
- Date to be announced concerning Grant meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Second: Heidi Whipple**

**Vote: 5-0-0**

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