

KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 21, 2022

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

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- February 24, 2022

**Motion to accept minutes from February 24, 2022: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Bill Kavol**

**5-0-0**

- February 7, 2022

**Motion to accept minutes from February 7, 2022: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Heidi Whipple**

**5-0-0**

- January 24, 2022

**Motion to accept minutes from January 24, 2022: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Janet Wade**

**5-0-0**

**CONSULTANT'S REPORT**

- The Health Department has had three complaints recently
  1. Vacant house at 28 River St. – Animals getting in creating hazardous conditions for neighborhood. Letter being sent to owner, Gerald Leto of Duxbury
  2. Squatter at 12 Maple Ave.
  3. Oil stain in street in front of 4 White Pine Ln. – Work being done at neighbors. Seepage from septic truck.
- Ten Perc tests done at 178 Wapping Rd. development.
- B3 restaurant has a soft opening on Monday 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Yearly Food Service/Retail permits are up to date.
- We are in the process of inspecting/permitting the food trucks that will be at the Food Truck Night on Wednesdays.
- Joe Casna has been nominated for an award from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for people who have gone above and beyond for their community for local public health leadership.

**Dennis Randall**

I would like to make a formal motion that the Board recommend to the Board of Selectmen that we review our Disaster Preparedness Plan in the event of a civil defense emergency.

**Motion that this Board recommend to the Board of Selectmen and the Emergency Management Team, that Kingston review, amend, revise, or create a Disaster Preparedness Plan in the event of a Civil Defense Emergency: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Joe Casna**

**5-0-0**

**NURSES REPORT – LEANNE MCGUNNESS**

- Covid cases are down to 15 recorded through MAVEN
- 3,412 vaccinated people through our clinics
- Next clinic is Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Kingston Intermediate School
- April dates to be determined
- Planning on having the clinics for children 6 months to 5 years old when the time comes.
- Attended to Public Health meeting
- MAVEN is all caught up. All Covid cases and all contact tracing.
- There have been three Lyme disease cases so I have posted on our Face Book social media page that it is that time of the year that people should be aware of the tick activity that is occurring and what measures to take to protect yourself.
- We should put up the tick warning signs in front of Town Hall
- The clinics at the Council on Aging have been a huge success on Thursdays. These clinics consist of med checks, blood pressure clinics, and help with access to individual electronic health records.
- Attended the Public Health Excellence meeting.

**Motion to put the Tick Warning signs out – Janet Wade**

**Second: Dennis Randall**

**5-0-0**

**Introduction of Michael Hugo, Director of Policy, and Government Relations for the Mass Association of Health Boards**

- We are third round recipients of the Shared Excellence Grant. We are the host community.
- Gives an overview of what the Shared Excellence Grant money can be used for and how much money it means for the community in regard to public health needs. Also, gives an overview of the administrative end.
- \$300,000 per year for 9 years.
- Identification of needs – Feeding the homeless, no coverage for Public Health Nurse, Public Health Educator, Shared Inspector.
- Funding for this grant started with a 1.7 million exploratory grant program for Martha's Vineyard (pilot program). Mike Hugo became the Grant Manager.
- A shared Tick Biologist was hired for the island.
- Arpa funding explained
- Public Health nurse – Regional Nurse
- Leanne – What do we need to first focus on to get this going?
- Mike – Firstly, hire a Grant Administrator
- Hire a Public Health Educator
- He will work directly the Administrator and with State to make it a smooth process
- Janet Wade – Does the state tell us what we can spend the money on?

- Mr. Hugo – All boards need to get together and approve needs. People are redefining what the needs are among their groups
- 1 meeting a week to start with Board that is formed
- Hires must be unanimous
- State will be watching the budgets closely
- Cannot supplant the budget only to supplement the budget
- Mike Hugo will be available while we search for an administrator
- Mike Hugo to send job description for Grant Administrator

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

- Taped via zoom on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. Pine duBois and Matt Panella, Town Conservation Agent; discuss water-runoff, its' implications and management.
- Article submitted to Healthy Kingston Clipboard concerning: COVID status in town; vaccination clinics schedule; the implications and management of water-runoff; attention to ticks (prevention and treatment of bites.)
- Homeless – Need a process for refugees/homeless who show up at shelter. On weekends/off times.
- Joe Casna to Arthur Boyle – Lets invite the Fire Chief to our next meeting and discuss issue.

#### Shared Excellence Grant

- Expressed willingness to act as Kingston's representative to the committee until the new health agent has been oriented to the position and feels comfortable in assuming that role.

#### **DISCUSSIONS**

Complaint - 15 Nottingham Dr. - Sheryl Antoine of 13 Nottingham Dr.

- Trying to get new regulations with Agriculture Commission.
- Foul smells from manure piles.
- Rats have been spotted in different yards and garages.
- Horses loose
- Six horses in a 3 stable barn. Is the barn compliant?
- Dogs, chickens, roosters, and ducks are allowed to roam free into neighbor's yards.
- Horse ring gate is open 24/7
- Children are playing/walking up and down the street, people walking dogs. Loose horses are a danger to themselves, cars, and other people.
- Neighbors have filed two grievance letters with no result.
- Arthur Boyle – Right to farm vs. neighbor's enjoyment
- Have had altercations in the past such as burning 10 feet from the property line.
- Broken fence – horses loose 3 times in 4 months.
- Marcia Herzberg had a joint inspection with the building inspector over a year ago. Found nothing wrong.
- Arthur to meet with Conservation, Town Administrator, Zoning and Animal Control.

**Next Meeting – April 4, 2022**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.: Dennis Randall**

**Second: Heidi Whipple**

**Vote: 5-0-0**

Elise Desmond, Administrative Assistant

Kingston Board of Health

Approved: June 6, 2022