

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

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

BILLS

CONSULTANT'S REPORT

- Complaints
- Perc Tests are picking up due to the season. 3 done just today.
- Yearly licensing is ongoing
- Tick sign is out already. Tick season going to be exceptionally bad.
- The food truck inspections with the South Shore Food Truck Association in Hanover went very well. There were at least 12 to 13 food trucks inspected. All looked good and passed inspection.
- Janet Wade – What kind of complaints are being made?
 - People with septic violations
 - People living in campers on private property hooking up to the septic system

Discussion regarding Pilgrim Power Plant Draft Letter to Holtec – Pine Dubois

- The letter that was drafted by the Town of Plymouth was not accurate.
- I have been involved in the Nuclear Decommissioning Advisory Panel – appointed in 2016 and appointed to Vice Chair.
- Mass.gov website – all information concerning decommissioning is on there which include all the minutes of the meetings about decommissioning. It is a treasure trove of information about the plant.
- There is tritium in the groundwater
- The discharge canal has no reportable concentration levels
- Tritium cannot be evaporated. Its in the groundwater between the plant and the bay.
- There are monitoring wells.
- Holtec is being pushed to come up with a better solution than releasing the water into the bay or shipping it out west to be mixed with clay and put in the ground.
- Pine is trying to get a hold of a Dr. Ken Bruessler at Woods Hole for more information.
- Holtec is doing brilliant work to creating different ways to decommission plants
- Janet Wade – Do you have any solutions?
 - Pine Dubois – Why couldn't we mix the waste with clay, seal the top and just let it sit until it decomposes without it getting disturbed? Unfortunately, that is illegal in Massachusetts. It is a risk to ship thousands of gallons of nuclear waste across the country only to bury it in clay and its still going to contaminate the land.
 - They have time to come up with an acceptable solution. They are not acting on it this year.
 - We need a letter that states that we would like to help address the solution rather than being the town that says, "not in my backyard".

- Paragraph three needs to be taken out. It is inaccurate.
- Pine suggests that what should be in the letter is that we should be updated periodically on the decommissioning process by Holtec.
- DEP and DPH go to the site every month for updates.
- Joe Casna – What do you see as the purpose of this letter?
 - We are opposed to the contamination of the water in Plymouth Bay.
 - Pine and Health Dept to get together and compose the letter.

NURSES REPORT – Janet Wade

- 25 positive cases.
- Next clinic is May 13th at the Town Hall from 9-12
- 3,586 people have been vaccinated through our clinics
- There were 60 and 70 people at the last two clinics.
- Dr. Tim Lynch on Tremont St. – Possible consultant as a Town Physician?
- Website – Tabs for nurse’s information/bulletin

HEALTHY KINGSTON – JANET WADE

- HK clipboard was in the newspaper last week
- Water runoff
- Ticks
- Vaccine clinics
- Next taping will be on the 28th – update on the BOH

DISCUSSIONS

- Joe Casna – We will be interviewing another candidate which will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- The committee for the Shared Excellence Grant has been formed and Barry Potvin of Plymouth has been chosen to be the Chairman of the committee.
- Janet will be attending these meetings and Joe Casna will be the alternate.
- These next meetings will be to determine what the participating towns need.
- Next meeting is on May 12th at 2:30 to 4:30.
- The Shared Services Coordinator, Linda Riordan, computer to be covered by the grant?
- The Public Health Nurse description needs to be presented to the committee so they can understand what this role consists of.
- Marion Dr. – Complaint of dust because of the bringing in and out of materials all day long with dry conditions is creating a big dust problem. Spoke with the people who run the gravel plant and they are digging a well for a water source to get the dust under control.
- Homeless emergencies contact

OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- The mask mandate has been lifted at the COA
- High praise for the Public Health Nurse from the COA
- Incident at COA while Leanne was there. Person taken away by ambulance due to stroke.

Next Meeting – May 2, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.: Dennis Randall

Second: Heidi Whipple

Vote: 5-0-0

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Kingston Board of Health

Approved: JULY 18, 2022