

KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 16, 2022

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Present: Chairman Joe Casna, Co-Chair Bill Kavol, Dennis Randall, Janet Wade, Heidi Whipple, Leanne McGuinness and Arthur Boyle joined virtually

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

### **BILLS**

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

- Congratulations to Paula Rossi-Clapp the new Health Agent
- Last two schools to be inspected were done – Looks great
- Pool inspections have started for the season
- Quick Mart on Summer St. had to be shut down because of broken refrigeration unit

#### **NURSES REPORT – Leanne McGuinness**

- Covid cases are going up. There are 86 reported cases.
- Vaccine clinic at KIS on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM ages 5 and up
- Vaccine clinic at the COA on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- Passed out health surveys at the Town Meeting
- We have vaccinated 3,626 people so far

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

- Next Healthy Kingston is on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.
- Taping to be in the PacTV studio

### **DISCUSSIONS**

#### **Draft regulations for Keeping of Non-Commercial Farm Animals**

- John Wheble - Chairman, Rui Santos, Jean Naumann, and Karen Johnson present from the Agricultural Commission
- John Wheble explains that the Commission worked with residents to come up with reasonable regulations that do not supersede or work against the Right to Farm law.
- The draft offers guidelines that the Commission cannot enforce. The Board of Health needs to enforce them.
- Discussion started about complaint about discolored water at a residence while copies of the draft regulations are made. Response will be made to resident by the BOH.
- Each definition and regulation of the draft is read through by John Wheble.

- Discussions about manure, roosters, chicken coops, distance from neighbors, lot sizes, zoning limitations, definition of pets.
- Definition of Public Nuisance is too vague.
- Animal Control Officer does not always answer nuisance calls.
- Dennis Randall says that the issue of nuisance must be addressed first and foremost.
- Quality of life must be taken into consideration.
- Rui Santos says the Animal Control Officer must be the one to determine what is indeed a nuisance and enforce it.
- Dennis Randall suggests that if certain roosters are a nuisance than if there is a licensing requirement put in place then a license to have one can be revoked.

**Motion to advertise for a Public Hearing on the draft regulations for Keeping of Non-Commercial Farm Animals – Dennis Randall**

**Second – Bill Kavol**

**5-0-0**

- Conversation with Sheryl Antoine about the neighbor’s chickens and ducks. Question of enforcement. Who enforces?
- Conversation about rooster nuisance.

**SHARED EXCELLENCE GRANT UPDATE**

- Karen Keane made Vice Chair
- Health surveys
- Hired consultants to determine what the health issues of each town are.
- Discussion of hiring Social Worker, Health Educator and Sanitarians.
- Leanne as director for Public Nurses for 5 towns.
- Pop up food pantries
- Safe Strides program

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

- Chairman and Vice Chair are positions open to reorganization

**Motion to have Joe Casna continue as Chairman – Dennis Randall**

**Second – Janet Wade**

**5-0-0**

**Motion to have Bill Kavol continue as Vice Chair – Joe Casna**

**Second Dennis Randall**

**5-0-0**

**Next Meeting – June 6, 2022**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:38 by Heidi Whipple**

**Second: Bill Kavol**

**Vote: 5-0-0**

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Kingston Board of Health

**Approved: August 15, 2022**