

KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2022

Present: Chairman Joe Casna, Vice Chair Bill Kavol, Dennis Randall, Janet Wade, Heidi Whipple, Paula Rossi-Clapp and Leanne McGuinness (virtual)

6:03 p.m. Kingston Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Casna.

BILLS

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- March 21, 2022
- April 4, 2022

Motion to accept minutes from March 21, 2022: Dennis Randall

Second: Bill Kavol

5-0-0

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HEALTH AGENT REPORT – PAULA ROSSI-CLAPP

- 1st restaurant inspection done today, passed with flying colors.
- I am scheduled for the 2nd perc test this Wednesday the 8th.
- Reviewed budget with Arthur, will need to speak with Joe at his convenience.
- Complaint from Rocky Nook was investigated today, found violations. A letter of compliance will be sent to resident.
- Complaint email received regarding Howlands Lane water. Received the following information from the Water Dept.

I reached out to Matt Darsch. He explained the process of flushing. The person making the complaint was spoken to before flushing began. This person was informed that flushing would be done in late May or early June. The Water Dept. is in the process of testing the water today. They are hoping that by early June the Manganese Plan should be in place. Regarding the comment of Manganese in the furnace, if homeowners regularly maintain their system, by flushing every 6 months there would not be a buildup. Manganese health guidelines from the EPA is 30 parts per million and the Town has never exceeded that number.

NURSES REPORT – LEANNE MCGUINNESS

- 43 reported COVID cases

- Shutdown for the Council on Aging for three days due to Covid outbreak among seniors and staff
- Next vaccine clinic at Town Hall June 21, 2022 at 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
- Attend Triad meeting at Council on Aging
- Looking to move the vaccine clinics out of KIS
- We will not be providing vaccinations to children 4 and under.

HEALTHY KINGSTON – JANET WADE

- Filmed on May 19, 2022 - Gina Franklin RN spoke on Eye Health and disorders with aging.
- Sue Woodworth, Rec Dept. Director spoke about the summer schedule of children's and adult's programs along with the opening of Gray's Beach.
- June 23, 2022, is the next taping
- EMS coordinator to speak at next taping
- The 10th episode of Healthy Kingston was about gun violence. I asked if the show could be run more times in response to current events
- Paula Rossi-Clapp and Elise Desmond to be on the show to introduce themselves.

DISCUSSIONS

Shared Excellence Grant Update

- Committee members are assigned to report the public health positions and estimated hours needed by each town involved.
- Janet Wade developed and proposed a Public Health Promotion and Wellness Program composed of a public health nurse coordinator, public health nurses and a social worker to cover the five towns. It was voted down.
- Janet Wade has registered to attend the MA Dept of Public Health Board Member Training on June 11 in Holyoke.
- Joe Casna – Next meeting to present Leanne McGuinness as the Public Health Nurse Coordinator.
- Grant pays for any continuing education for members of the Health Dept.
- The Board members are required to take a training by the MDPH.

Motion that the Kingston Board of Health supports the hiring of Leanne McGuinness into the Shared Grant Excellence Program as a Public Health Nurse – Heidi Whipple

Second – Janet Wade

5-0-0

Public Health Survey Results

- Public Health Survey – Nursing students have entered the data
- The information is skewed towards seniors. We need more young people to participate.
- Mental Health is the major issue facing people and families.
- More data by the end of July.

- Focus groups

Dennis Randall – Suggestions of what else can the Health Dept. do to help the community

- More education about ticks.
- Sun advisory signs at beach.
- Sun block and insect repellent dispenser stations at Grays Beach, ball fields, playgrounds.
- Infant formula shortage. Is there anything more that we can do to help?

Joe Casna suggests that Dennis Randall appear on Healthy Kingston and talk about the evolution of the Health Department. From the days when he first served up until present day. What are the differences between then and now?

Janet Wade – What is the status of the reconfiguration of the office? There is no privacy.

Bill Kavol – The Town Administrator won't budge on it.

Dennis Randall – We are concerned about the HIPPA laws

Joe Casna to write a letter to the Town Administrator.

Next Meeting – June 22, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM: Heidi Whipple

Second: Dennis Randall

Vote: 5-0-0

Elise Desmond, Administrative Assistant

Kingston Board of Health

Approved: August 15, 2022