

Present: Chairman Joe Casna, Vice Chair Bill Kavol, Dennis Randall, Janet Wade, Paula Rossi-Clapp and Arthur Boyle

6:02 p.m. Kingston Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Casna.

BILLS

- Review of Bills

HEALTH AGENT REPORT – PAULA ROSSI-CLAPP AND ARTHUR BOYLE

Janet Wade – There is a woman who works in a local restaurant who does not have the proper safety equipment to protect her while she’s performing her job. Can we help her?

Dennis Randall – Concerns about supermarket sealed, packaged meat. Plastic is swollen from the gases of the decomposing meat. He has seen this consistently at the markets. A swollen package of meat means the contents are bad and should not be on the shelves for purchase and consumption. Please pay special attention to this the next time you are doing a supermarket inspection.

APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

- 3 System Inspections in process

SYSTEM INSPECTIONS

- 3 Final Inspections completed

RETAIL INSPECTIONS

- Dollar Tree – ongoing issues, but management is cooperating
- Quickmart – ongoing issues, but being monitored and weekly inspections being done
- 3 annual inspections completed

FOOD TRUCKS

- El Pro ongoing issues with permit. Met with owner on 6/21 to give her a list of required documents before a valid permit can be issued to do business within Kingston. Owner understood and has also been sent an email by Elise listing the requirements back in May
- All other active food trucks have valid permits

CAMPS

- Camp Norse – 112 Parting Way - Inspected
- Behn Basketball – Sacred Heart School – Inspected

POOLS

- Treetop, Kingsbury Club, Camp Norse met criteria and are open
- Indian Pond has issues and may not open this season

BUDGET

- YTD report provided to board. On track

NOTARY SERVICES

- Conservation on 6/10

CREDENTIALING PROCESS

- Eligible to take exam to become a MA Certified Health Officer. Exam date is set for 6/24/22, but never received official paperwork. Have not been able to get in touch with Professional Credentialing Services to verify where exam location in Wakefield. Emails are returned undeliverable. Phone call hold time is always 60 minutes or longer. Managed to get through today and spoke with representative who informed me that the exam is going to be reschedule for July due to no proctor available. Exact date TBD
- Became a member of National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and applied to be a Registered Sanitarian in Training. Last document needed for application approval are college transcripts which are on the way and \$390.00 payment of application fee (see attached documents). Requesting board approval to pay for this fee out of the training line which has not been used in FY22 (see budget line item).

Motion to take the application fee of \$390.00 for Registered Sanitarian in Training out of the Training line of the BOH budget: Dennis Randall

Second: Janet Wade

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DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- Admin and I are putting together Goals and Objectives for FY23 to present to the board next month. In the future FY Goals will be presented to board by June for input
- New Cease & Desist Form created for general use needing board approval
- Using Town Car from Sewer Department for most of the inspections

Joe Casna – Arthur what do you think of the Cease and Desist?

Arthur Boyle – When reaching out to an offender with a Cease and Desist order it usually will make them take action. It's usually sent out on the third time of contact. It can be used for a multitude of infractions.

Dennis Randall – The town seal should be on it.

Motion to approve the use of the Cease and Desist order as presented: Dennis Randall

Second: Bill Kavol

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DISCUSSIONS

Joe Casna recognizes Pine Dubois

- Would like to have the water tested at the Jones River Landing. Especially needed at high tide because that's when the most people swim there.
- Wants the river water tested at the Water Dept. because they have a cesspool there. She is afraid that it may be leaking into the river, and she wants to make sure this isn't happening. Suggests putting in a tight tank or tying into the town sewer.

Letter to Pilgrim Power Plant – To be emailed to Pine.

Dennis Randall – What are we going to do about the cesspool at the Water Dept.?

Joe Casna – Bill Kavol to communicate with Water Dept about this. Bill to report back about it at the next meeting.

HEALTHY KINGSTON – JANET WADE

- Cancelled taping for 6/23. Guest cancelled.
- Next taping with Health Dept. Staff on July 28th at 1PM in studio. Paula, Elise, Arthur and Leanne.
- Would like to have Dennis come in and talk about the evolution of the Health Dept.
- Want to do a show on Domestic Violence.

SHARED EXCELLENCE GRANT UPDATE

Motion to affirm the hiring of Linda Riordan as the Shared Services Coordinator:

Dennis Randall

Second: Janet Wade

4-0-0

- Gaps in delivery
- Everyone wants a Public Health Nurse (haven't heard anything from Wareham)
- PHN Position: Chair wants to open the position and advertise it, have people apply, vet them, and then offer somebody the job.
- My position is that I would like to see Leanne McGuinness be the Public Health Nurse for these towns. Actually, the Coordinator of the Public Health section of this grant. We need somebody who is a representative of the program on a local, regional, and state level. We need someone who is knowledgeable of the state health regulations, particularly with regard to Covid-19. We need a leader who is familiar with directors of the local and regional departments of public health, the state social service agencies. We need somebody that is a personable, articulate, self-starter who can provide

direction for these people and support them in their efforts in their town. Someone who is a mentor and could train these other Public Health Nurses.

- In my opinion it is more cost effective to hire Leanne rather than spend the summer looking for someone other than Leanne to fill this position.
- Student nurses are not an appropriate choice to be a community health nurse.
- Joe Casna – We need to convince the other 4 members of the committee to hire Leanne.
- COVID funds – \$12,000
 - Clinic supplies, EMTS and janitorial services at schools
 - Leanne generated a list of supplies; we reviewed and prioritized items.
 - Arrangement made with fire dept. to order the supplies through its' medical supplies vendor so as to get invoices immediately. Invoices need to be signed by Joe and Linda Riordan by Monday, June 27th in the AM to be paid.
 - Leanne will get her own cell phone through the town.

Public Hearing has been set for July 18th for the Keeping of Non-Commercial Farm Animals

- **Suggestions for amendments to made at the Public Hearing**

Janet Wade – Test Kits – Expiration dates indicate that they are expired but they actually expire in October. They have extended the expiration date.

Next Meeting – July 6, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:02 PM: Dennis Randall

Second: Bill Kavol

Vote: 4-0-0

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Kingston Board of Health

Approved: September 7, 2022