

KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 18, 2022

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

5:00 p.m. Kingston Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Casna.

**BILLS**

- Review of Bills

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- April 20, 2022

**Motion to accept minutes from April 20, 2022: Heidi Whipple**

**Second: Janet Wade**

**5-0-0**

**HEALTH AGENT REPORT – PAULA ROSSI-CLAPP AND ARTHUR BOYLE**

**APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS**

- 3 Perc Tests scheduled for this Thursday, July 21st

**SYSTEM INSPECTIONS**

- 2 Final Inspections completed

**RETAIL INSPECTIONS**

- 4 Inspections completed

**FOOD TRUCKS**

- 1 Inspection and permit (El Pro)

**POOLS**

- Request for inspection from Alexan Apartments, we are waiting for update from pool inspector

**BUDGET**

- End of year budget not reconciled yet by accounting will provide final figures asap

**CREDENTIALING PROCESS**

- Annual MHOA membership paid, and Health Agent is registered for the annual Conference located this year in Falmouth on October 26, 27, 28
- Scheduled to take the Certified Health Officer exam in November
- I have been accepted by the National Environmental Health Association to become a Registered Sanitarian in training. I will need to take an exam and hope to schedule for November

- Enrolled in a 35-hour training course, Foundations for Local Public Health Practice that needs to be done within my first year as a Health Agent. This is a free course offered by the Local Public Health Institute of Mass

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

- Good sampling to date of Town inspections from large grocery stores to small retail and camps.
- Water leak in ceiling of the office has been addressed and no longer leaking

**Arthur Boyle** – Non-Commercial Farm Animal issue – Met with Animal Control, Zoning, 1 member from the BOS. There are conflicts between the state regulations and our regulations. We need to create a small committee to spend more time and thoughtful consideration on this subject. We need to take proposed regulations back before moving forward. Before we present this to the public it needs a lot more fine tuning and discussion before we hold a public hearing.

**Pat Harlow** – Set a date or violate the Open Meeting Law. There are no current bylaws posted on the Town Website.

**Joe Casna** – Health Agent to write a letter to the chair of the Agricultural Committee advising him that we are not going to take any action until such time as they revise these regulations to bring them into conformity.

**Joe Casna** – Conditions in the office as it pertains to the shared space with Planning and Conservation. Discussion with Paula about formulating a letter to the Town Administrator about office reconfiguration. Paula to draft letter, present it at the next meeting for approval.

#### **DISCUSSIONS**

##### **Joe Casna recognizes Pine Dubois**

Letter to Holtec (Pilgrim Power Plant) – Instead of a “Bills”, you should state that we support a particular “Bill” in the last paragraph.

**Dennis Randall** – In the first paragraph we should add that the Cape Cod Bay is an important food source for Kingstonians.

Heidi Whipple - suggests changing it to “a known food source for Kingston and the surrounding areas”.

**Motion to change the first paragraph of the letter to Holtec to read “The Kingston Board of Health strongly opposes the release or dumping (“over boarding”) of Low-Level Radioactive Water from the Pilgrim Reactor into Cape Cod Bay a known food source for Kingston and the surrounding areas.” – Dennis Randall**

**Second: Heidi Whipple**

**5-0-0**

**Pine Dubois** – Thank you for the water testing by Envirotech at the Water Department and the river. We should have these areas tested on a regular basis as well. I would like the results explained to me by Envirotech.

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

- Next taping with Health Dept. Staff on July 28th at 1PM in studio. Paula, Elise, and Arthur
- August 25<sup>th</sup> taping with Leanne and Dennis.
- Update for the public on what the BOH has planned for future.

#### **SHARED EXCELLENCE GRANT UPDATE**

- The pay rate for the Public Health nurse has been adjusted to a more acceptable rate so there will be more quality applicants.
- They are looking to hire a Social Worker, an Epidemiologist, and a Systems Inspector.
- The Head Nurse position is open as well. Leanne must go through the process just like anyone else.
- Duxbury may be joining the group. Mike Hugo is confident that we are ready to add them to the group. There will be more discussion about it.
- Town Accountant has met with the Shared Services Coordinator, Linda Riordan and has said everything is running smoothly at this point.
- Nurse Coordinator position needs to be advertised

#### **CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS**

**Janet Wade** - Mass General Hospital would like to sign a contract with the Town for the nursing students so that they can work with the Public Health Dept. during the fall. They would be helping Leanne with the vaccine clinics, going to the Council on Aging when Leanne does the blood pressure and medication clinics.

**Joe Casna** – Get a copy of the contract to Paula and she will forward it to Town Counsel to look at.

**Janet Wade** – New website – needs more information about the Health Dept.

Leanne – Nurses tab. Easier access to the COA, vaccination clinic info, timely health topics.

**Dennis Randall** – Now that there is no Kingston Reporter, we need to utilize other mediums to get out PSA's such as PacTV, Town billboards, WATD, Facebook etc.

Where are we with the minutes?

**Elise Desmond** – 3 meetings behind.

**Dennis Randall** – We should show our appreciation to Henny Walters for her service to the Town of Kingston.

**Joe Casna** - She is an extremely private person and wouldn't like any big deal. A personal email from you, Dennis, might be more appropriate.

**Dennis Randall** – Maybe a thoughtful letter from the BOH?

**Dennis Randall** – What is the status of the cesspool at the Water Dept.?

**Bill Kavol** – The cesspool is fine at the Water Dept. – It would be a big undertaking to put them on town sewer and it's not necessary seeing that the bathroom is barely used there.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 5:55 PM: Heidi Whipple**

**Second: Janet Wade**

**Vote: 5-0-0**

**Next Meeting – August 1, 2022**

Elise Desmond, Administrative Assistant

Kingston Board of Health

**Approved: September 19, 2022**