

Board of Health Minutes

December 1, 2021

Present: Katie Goldrick, Allyson Pinkhover, Rose Domingo-Horne (via Zoom)

Katie Goldrick: open meeting at 6:30pm. Talks about Omicron variant, that we have to continue to wear mask and suggest everyone who can get vaccinated to do so. Discussing upcoming cold and flu season and what you should do.

Katie Goldrick: Forecasting 2022, event to come Hazardous Waste Day, Town Clean Up Day, potential health fair events. Talks about upcoming Board of Health permitting. Talks about potential contact tracer with money from Health Agent line item.

Resident Patty Conway: Question on contractor position...

Katie: They would work with the Health Agent, most likely a remote position.

Katie Goldrick: Talks about public health excellence grant- shared services with Quincy, Randolph, Weymouth, Holbrook and Braintree. The group is potentially thinking of hiring a Asian Cuisine inspector- helping with communication. This would be a 3- year grant.

Katie: Talks about live stock permits- especially chickens. Wants to have everyone with a new livestock permit to come before the Board of Health.

Allyson: Talks about access to be able to get approval for chickens.

Katie Goldrick: Talks about issues with chickens

Allyson: Motion to have all residents meet with Health Agent and notification be sent out

Katie: Second

All in Favor

Katie: Health Agent will work on issues causing rats- dumpsters

Katie Goldrick: Demolition information / sign offs discussing to bring to Inspectional Services Director, Eric Erskine. To have someone check for hazardous materials and potentially hazardous items removed.

Katie Goldrick: BOH to accept the demolition new sign offs to the demolition application or building application, whichever the inspectional services director deems appropriate.

Allyson Pinkhover: Second

All in Favor

Katie Goldrick: DEP communication and current controls. Wants to have meetings on a scheduled basis about any DEP issues in Town so that everyone is aware of them.

Katie Goldrick: Wants BOH involved in permitting so potentially hazardous sites do not get approved for building permits while under DEP oversight.

Katie Goldrick: Going to request quarterly meetings with Inspectional Services Director for everyone to share information they might have, talk about any project- so everyone is on the same page.

Katie Goldrick: Health Agent is starting next week.

Allyson Pinkhover: Landfill oversight committee sat in on their last meeting, no plans have been submitted to the Town from the developer.

Katie Goldrick: PFAS information is available on HCAM, it breaks down some of the information. The Town are trying to organize a meeting with the Town of Randolph and DEP about our water treatment plan, water quality.

Allyson Pinkhover: Concerns about PFAS and communication.

Katie Goldrick: Potential ideas for next meeting

Resident Bruce: Question on PFAS- Is the water safe to drink?

Katie Goldrick: States that it is dependent on the situation. Suggests to speak with one's own physician. PFAS are evolving issue and the safe limits might change- currently the State limits PFAS 6 to 20ppt.

Rose Domingo- Horne: It is very individual, how comfortable you feel until we get some more information.

Allyson Pinkhover: The EPA set an advisory for 70ppt, but it appears that it will be changing soon.

Bruce: Concerns about tri-town water plant

Allyson Pinkhover: Motion to close the Board of Health meeting

Katie Goldrick: Second

All in Favor

Allyson Pinkhover MPH/CPHT 6/14/22
Katie Goldrick 6/14/22