

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes of Meeting  
April 24, 2018

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Chairman Peter DeTerra, Jeannine Lopes and new member Michael Silvia. Also present: Mary Freire-Kellogg, Health Agent and Amanda Blais, Administrative Assistant.

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Re-organization of the Board:

Chairman DeTerra called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and began with nominations to re-organize the Board.

Chairman: Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. DeTerra as Chairman of the Board. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chair: Chairman DeTerra nominated Ms. Lopes as Vice-chairperson of the Board. The vote was unanimous.

Member: Chairman DeTerra welcomed Mr. Silvia as a new member to the Board.

**Before the Board:**

Chairman DeTerra asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 29, 2018. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. Silvia. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed an animal renewal application for 18 Bryant Lane. Ms. Freire-Kellogg mentioned the permit receipt from last year and the updated Barn Book did not match the number of animals the applicant was applying to renew. Chairman DeTerra stated this matter would include Zoning Board of Appeals before the Board of Health could issue a permit for the additional amount of animals. Ms. Lopes stated the applicant would have to apply for a new permit, however Chairman DeTerra mentioned the Board could approve the renewal for the number of chickens and goats that were listed on the permit receipt from last year. Motion to renew the animal permit for three chickens (no roosters) and two pygmy goats located at 18 Bryant Lane and to notify the applicant to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals for approval for additional animals was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. Silvia. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a Title V Inspection Report for 841 Sconticut Neck Road. Ms. Freire-Kellogg stated the inspection had passed and there were no other issues. Motion to accept the Title V inspection for 841 Sconticut Neck Road was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. Silvia. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a Title V Inspection Report for 2 Tecumseh Avenue. Ms. Freire-Kellogg stated the inspection had failed due to the entire system being old. Chairman DeTerra stated the owners had two years to redo the inspection and Ms. Freire-Kellogg mentioned the property was vacant and being fixed to be put on the market. Motion to accept the failed Title V inspection for 2 Tecumseh Avenue was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. Silvia. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Hearing:**

Richard Costa appeared before the Board to discuss the operation of a poultry slaughterhouse to be located at 197 New Boston Road. Mr. Costa explained that his granddaughter Kelsey Lague would be operating the slaughterhouse. Documents and photographs were distributed. Ms. Lopes asked if the slaughterhouse would be operating out of a trailer and Mr. Costa responded it would. Ms. Freire-Kellogg mentioned the Board did not have to approve or disapprove of the operation since the slaughterhouse would be monitored through the USDA and the State of Massachusetts. Mr. Costa explained the State of Massachusetts is waiting on an acceptance letter from the Board and Chairman DeTerra stated the Board would need to write an acknowledgment letter. Motion to have an acknowledgment letter drafted and signed by members of the Board stating they acknowledge the poultry slaughterhouse operation was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Chairman DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Health Agent's Report:**

Ms. Freire-Kellogg mentioned she met with the woman from the Bay State Textiles School Box program along with Christine Mitchell from the School Administration building. The Health Agent explained paperwork and the program was approved, however the School Committee is unsure if they want to participate in the program. The Health Agent contacted surrounding schools to check if the program was in good standing and all schools were in support. Feedback from surrounding schools regarding the program were emailed to both School Department and School Committee.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg mentioned a new program, Recolor Paint, will reuse and donate paint to charities, as long as the liquid paint is in a can and brought to the company in Hanover. The Health Agent mentioned this would reduce municipal solid waste. The Health Agent expressed her interest in having a paint day where everyone can drop off their paint to be collected. More information will be available at the Health booth during Homecoming. Ms. Lopes asked if the company accepts oil based and latex paint and the Health Agent replied that she believed only latex paint would be accepted, but she would verify once paperwork was emailed to her.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg gave a brief update on the Recycling IQ Kit. The Health Agent confirmed the kickoff meeting would be Monday, April 30, 2018 at 10:00a.m. and ABC Disposal, MA DEP, Kathy Mirza and Town Administrator Mark Rees would be in attendance. The Health Agent welcomed the Board to attend the meeting as well.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg touched upon the Wellness Fair. The Health Agent stated participation and attendance was not good this year, however this year was the best yet with vendors, raffles, prizes and food. The Health Agent felt Town employees should be able to leave work early to attend the event, especially when the event is dedicated to the health and wellness of all Town employees.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg discussed a letter the Board received regarding the ABC Disposal contract. The Health Agent stated, according to Mark Rees, Attorney Thomas Crotty is working with other communities. Once finished, a meeting will occur. Attorney Crotty advised the Town to negotiate the current contract.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg mentioned that Mark Rees has requested a copy of the draft Recreational Marijuana Regulations. The Health Agent discussed the necessary changes that should be made to the regulations with the Board (see attached). The Health Agent stated that once a final version of the regulations is adopted, an application, fee schedule and permit will be created.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg touched upon the Buried in Treasures workshop that will be co-sponsored with Fresh Start of New Bedford and the Fairhaven Health Department. The program focuses on hoarding cessation. Ms. Lopes expressed her interest in attending the next meeting with Ms. Freire-Kellogg.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg gave a brief update regarding the internship opportunity. The intern, Daniel Shea, is scheduled to work twenty-one hours per week from May 21 through August 21 and will accompany the Health Agent on all aspects regarding the Health Department, in addition to collecting death records from five years prior for the Opioid Task Force. Motion for Chairman DeTerra to sign the intern agreement was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Mr. Silvia. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg mentioned a tobacco grant, stating that New Bedford would hire a full-time person through the grant to do compliance checks for tobacco establishments.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg updated the Board on the Roadmap to Ready program she attended in Atlanta. The program discussed emergency preparedness. The Health Agent is to choose an issue in Town that she may be lacking knowledge and write an essay on the topic. The program lasts one year.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg updated the Board on the Mass Phitt course she has been taking the last three Wednesdays for Title V Inspector training. The Health Agent mentioned both Soil Evaluator and Title V Inspector certifications can be discussed if the Board wants her to complete, however these certifications are not legally required in order for the Health Agent to do her current position. Ms. Lopes felt these certifications were not necessary.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg briefly mentioned the time card policy and questioned the Board if she in fact should continue to use a time card. After a short discussion among the Board, Ms. Lopes mentioned the Health Agent does not have to use a time card since she is a salary employee who also works after hours and on the weekends.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg touched upon Recreational Camp and Swimming Pool regulations, stating that both regulations have changed.

**Invoices/Other Business:**

The next Board meeting will be May 24, 2018.

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Lopes made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Silvia. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant