

KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2022

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

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- June 22, 2022

Motion to accept minutes from June 22, 2022: Dennis Randall

Second: Bill Kavol

5-0-0

HEALTH AGENT REPORT – PAULA ROSSI-CLAPP

PERC TEST APPLICATIONS

- 2 Perc tests in the last couple of weeks

SYSTEM INSPECTIONS

- 3 Final Inspections

COMPLAINTS

- Ongoing complaint about the dumpster at Tremont St. Arthur has not heard back from the Media Management as to a resolution. Joe suggests Bill Kavol conduct a site visit to and speak to owner regarding the state of the dumpster.

Motion to have Bill Kavol conduct a site visit to Tremont St. Apartments concerning the state of the dumpster: Dennis Randall

Second: Heidi Whipple

5-0-0

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Health Agent will be attending the 3-day Yankee Conference at the end of September. Will be attending seminars on the subjects of Title 5, General Environment and Lead.

Have attended meetings with the Agricultural and Animal Control working group to try to solve the question of nuisance complaints. We will be meeting again towards the end of September or beginning of October.

Have been meeting with rep from Sharepoint Software about the new online permitting feature.

Budget update

Bill Kavol wanted an update on how Quickmart is doing with their inspections. Paula said they are doing better.

Heidi asked about the Indian Pond pool. What is the status? Paula will be calling the club to find out when they are going to drain it. The pool has leaks in it.

NURSE'S REPORT

New vaccine is at Fire Station

There will be a vaccine clinic on Sept 21st at the COA.

25 reported Covid cases. These were PCR tests.

No Monkey Pox cases. The State is sending informational packs to the schools concerning Monkey Pox. We will also post this to the website.

Have obtained the updated orders for the next year from the doctor for vaccines.

Have submitted copies of the SOP for next year.

Providence House reached out for vaccines. We have 50 doses at the Fire Station reserved for them.

No new vaccine yet for the 5 to 11 year olds.

Planning on a flu clinic at the COA.

Janet to speak to the Director at the COA concerning the student nurses.

GRANT UPDATE

2 applicants for the Public Health Nurse

Interviews in November for position of PHN.

Other job descriptions such as the Sanitation position will be out soon.

Conversation about Duxbury joining the group.

Next meeting tomorrow, Sept. 8th at 2:30.

HEALTHY KINGSTON – JANET WADE

- First taping at PacTV was last week with Leanne McGuinness speaking.
- The student nurses will be doing blood pressure clinics and presentations at the COA next week
- Next taping of Healthy Kingston will have the Director of the COA speaking.

DISCUSSIONS

SEPTIC VARIANCE AT 112 PARTING WAYS RD. - CAMP NORSE – BRANDON BLANCHARD REPRESENTING THE CAMP

- Septic system behind the Administration Building needs upgrading.
- Request for variance not approved as presented.
- Rep suggests an 800' leaching bed instead of trenches because that would fit easier on the site.
- New plan to be presented at next meeting.

Motion to table variance request: Dennis Randall

Second: Bill Kavol

5-0-0

105 MONKS HILL RD. - QUESTION AS TO NUMBER OF BEDROOMS AS STATED ON T5

- Title 5 Inspector Robert Wadsworth from Wadsworth Inspection LLC, stated on completed Title 5 that the number of bedrooms in the house was 3.
- The number of bedrooms is actually 5.
- Owners contacted Grady Consulting and they confirmed in a letter that the house indeed has a system that can support 5 bedrooms.
- This was a clerical error on the Title 5 and it has been determined that there is no variance needed. The property is in compliance. The letter will be on file with the BOH.

MARION DRIVE COMPLAINT

- Complainant, Larry Demar, the son of the owner of the property, has been asked to come to the BOH meeting many times.
- Nuisance Complaint is in the Select Boards hands.
- Mr. Demar was asked to come to the next meeting on Sept. 19th seeing that he could not attend tonight's meeting.
- No further discussion

BOH OFFICE RECONFIGURATION

- Letter received from Keith Hickey stating that there needs to be a discussion between the Health Agent, Town Planner and the Conservation Agent in regards to the use of their spaces. At this time, he cannot move the Assistant Planner back into the Planners office. He will be happy to reconsider the issue after the 1st of the year.
- BOH wishes to have the shared space become sole use of the BOH. There are issues of HIPPA laws, productivity issues, interruptions from other departments, more space needed for future positions, etc.
- Privacy issues are paramount as are more work spaces for new employees being hired through the Shared Excellence Grant.
- Discussions of reconfiguration of desks and storage.
- Arthur Boyle to help with reconfiguration plans.

DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED

- Item for next agenda – Dennis Randall to get permission to post to website
- Dennis Randall has concerns about lack of Monkey Pox information.
- Janet Wade would like the "Town Doctor" and the COA Director to come in to the next meeting so they can introduce themselves.
- Janet Wade suggests the BOH hold a Strategic Planning Meeting.

- The plaque for Henny Walters was gratefully received.
- Paula asked a question about yearly permits. Are we charging new businesses for a yearly permit if they come in at the end of the year?

Joe Casna – Yes, it's a yearly permit. It doesn't matter if they come in at the end of the year.

- Paula wants to clarify if we charge non-profits such as churches and food pantry's, etc., for a yearly permit.

Joe Casna – Get a list together of the non-profits for the next meeting and we will address.

- Bill Kavol expressed his concern about the Marijuana Dispensary being built near his community.

BILLS

Motion to adjourn at 7:23 PM: Dennis Randall

Second: Heidi Whipple

Vote: 5-0-0

Next Meeting – September 19, 2022

Elise Desmond, Administrative Assistant

Kingston Board of Health

Approved: