

KINGSTON BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2023

Present: Chairman Joe Casna, Vice Chairman Bill Kavol. Members Dennis Randall, Janet Wade, and Health Agent Joyce Krystofolski, Resident Pine duBois

Absent: member Heidi Whipple

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

Pine duBois discussed mosquito spraying. She is concerned with the impact on aquatic species and the chemicals being sprayed. It accumulates in the sediments for six months. The independent mosquito and tick companies do not seem to be regulated. She has brought it up to the Plymouth County Mosquito Control district and they agreed with her and felt they are being undermined on the lack of regulation on those companies. She is asking the Board of Health to help figure out how to get them to report in real time the kind of applications they are making and where, so there is an understanding of what is being applied. Ask the state for a digital application? There doesn't seem to be any oversight by the State on the independent companies. Dennis Randall suggests gathering information and making a determination. Joyce suggested reaching out to the extension schools. Joyce assumes that these companies are monitored by the EPA. Pine states that they only report annually to the State. She feels they should be reporting more often and more information on where, when, and how they are spraying.

Dennis Randall started a motion to direct the Health Agent to begin researching the state guidelines regarding spraying. Bill Kavol disagreed. Joe suggested to Joyce to start by finding out what the district is doing.

6:22 pm Joe Casna and Joyce Krystofolski left the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

6:22pm Motion made by Dennis Randall to accept the meeting minutes of July 24, 2023 as presented.

Second: Bill Kavol

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HEALTHY KINGSTON:

- PAC-TV Program 49 to be taped on Thursday, August 31st. Topic: The Impact of Climate change on Kingston and the South Shore. Panelists: Matt Panella, Conservation Agent, and Pine duBois, Executive Director, Jones River Watershed Association.
- **Healthy Kingston Kids:** met with Holly Ianucci, Kingston Library's Children's Librarian and Penny Dempsey, director of the South Shore Community Action Council. Starting in November Parenting

Classes will be coordinated with the Baby and Bubbles Storytimes once per month. The story time will have a health topic and the children will have a health-related activity as part of the program.

- Medical and health related toys have been ordered for use in the young children's playroom, including medical care station; medical bag with supplies; child size medical coats; extra stethoscopes; height chart and weight scale.
- BOH Manual. Copy given to Joyce.
- Town physician: the two used in the past are no longer practicing. Pine suggested talking to the Big Y pharmacist to see if she has any recommendations for a physician. Pine can also talk to her and ask her the next time she sees her. Janet and Heidi will see what surrounding towns are doing.

6:35 pm Joe Casna and Joyce Krystofolski return to meeting.

BILLS:

- Bills for July 21, July 25, and August 17, 2023, reviewed.

HEALTH AGENT REPORT:

Approved Septic Plans:

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| • 6 Charles Drive Permit expires 7/11/26 | • 165 Pembroke St Permit expires 5/15/26 |
| • 22 Charles Drive Permit expires 7/11/26 | • 9 School Street Permit expires 2/21/26 |
| • 26 Charles Drive Permit expires 7/11/26 | • 8 Smelt Pond Road Permit expires 3/6/26 |
| • 55 Longwood Cir Permit expires 2/19/25 | • 116 Three Rivers Dr Permit expires 8/3/26 |
| • 17 Lydon Lane Permit expires 8/2/26 | • 123 Wapping Road w/ conditions |
| • 6 Nava Landing Permit expires 5/3/25 | • 120 Country Club Way |
| • 49 Winthrop St Permit expires 7/25/26 | |

Pending Disposal Construction Permits

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| • 17 Brentwood Road | • 51 Charles Drive |
| • 31 Charles Drive | • 54 Charles Drive |
| • 34 Charles Drive | • 55 Charles Drive |
| • 35 Charles Drive | • 60 Country Club Way |
| • 38 Charles Drive | • 21 Kennedy Road |
| • 39 Charles Drive | • 13 Tarkiln Rd |
| • 42 Charles Drive | • 113 Wapping Road |
| • 43 Charles Drive | • 117 Wapping Road |
| • 46 Charles Drive | • 7 West Street |
| • 47 Charles Drive | |

Complaints

- Rooster complaint – 162 Wapping Rd (Teresa Cazeault)
- Housing complaint issued - 32 Deer Run Rd – water shut off due to non-payment
- 19 Howlands Lane – received complaint
- Housing complaint issued - 11 Atwood St -32 Deer Run Rd – water shut off due to non-payment
- Solstice – complaint

Inspections

- Housing inspection
- 6 Autumn Lane - sign off from building
- 234 Brookdale St – final septic inspection completed
- 116 Three Rivers Rd. – perc test
- Bradford House - kitchen inspection
- 7 West St. – perc test
- Beal House – First Parish Church – Kitchen inspection
- 32 Ocean Hill Dr – final septic inspection completed
- Lot #22 Charles Dr – bottom of hole inspection
- Fanny's Food Truck – inspection
- Lot #24 Charles Dr – open hole inspection
- 120 Country Club Way – bottom of tank inspection
- Alexan Apartments unit 325 – preoccupancy inspection
- 15 Charles Dr - final septic inspection completed
- Solstice – food inspection

Retail Permits

Wells

Department

- Tobacco letters hand delivered. One mailed.
- Lori created a list of services available to the community (mental health, housing, transportation, etc.).
- Email sent to all rubbish haulers regarding quarterly reporting.
- Lori began scanning septic folders. Big project.
- Beach water testing results being posted on website.

Interviews for nursing position –

- Two interviews conducted for nursing position – job offer made. Will address pay scale with wage & personnel committee on 8/21.

Training/ Meetings

- Meet with Lauren Ward from DPH – emergency preparedness coordinator
- Met with management from Kingston Collection – establish contacts for new businesses going into mall
- Attended grant meeting
- Attended Friends of COA Tea

Joyce would like to hold ServeSafe classes for Mom & Pop businesses, churches, etc., that are less expensive. Possibly 1-2 times a year. Two 4-hour classes during the day. Joyce will put information together. Dennis and Janet agree. After 5 years, recertification will be required.

VARIANCE REQUEST: 17 Brentwood Road

- Joe reviewed the plans. Joyce did consult with the Conservation Department, and they are within the boundaries. It is a repair to replace the SAS. The house is being sold and didn't pass Title 5. Pine duBois stated her concerns about the wetlands. Bill would like to leave it up to Joe Webby. Joe feels there is a better way to do the repair and will talk to Joe Webby. Joe would like the Board's authority to approve it without waiting for another meeting.

7:07 pm Motion made by Dennis Randall to authorize Chairman, Joe Casna to approve the variance as described.

Second: Janet Wade

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DISCUSSION:

- **Resource List:** Lori put together a list of resources for the residents of the Town. It will be posted to the website and will be available in the Health Department. Janet is wondering if there is a resource manual for the South Shore already. She will check with the South Shore Community Action Council. BID has a community resource person. Drug rehabs, mental illness facilities, local AA meetings, etc.
- **Well signage:** How are we implementing the signage? Joe stated post on the website that the signage is available and a template for the sign.
- **Housing Fees:** certain housing requires a full housing inspection prior to move-in. Currently no fee is charged. Joyce requests a \$100 fee for these housing inspections and added to the fee schedule.

7:19 pm Motion made by Dennis Randall to charge \$100 fee for pre-occupancy housing inspections.

Second: Janet Wade

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- **Flu Clinics:** two clinics are set up for September 20 and October 18 at the Town House in Room 200 from 9-11 am. Big Y is administering the vaccines. Due to scheduling conflicts, they could not be held at the Council on Aging. Flyers were posted on the website and Facebook page.
- **Septic Consultant:** Joyce would like to hire a consultant to review septic plans that are more complicated. Joe said that there are resources already available to review plans without spending funds. Joyce is concerned with liability issues and things are done correctly and adhering to all correct parameters. Someone without a vested interest. Janet agrees with Joyce. Someone is needed that is totally objective. The remaining Board members feel the current resources in place are fine. If Joe is not available, Kevin Forgue of Carver Town Hall, can review plans. Janet is looking at the big picture for future if Joe and Kevin are not available, to hire a consultant. This is bigger issue. Joe state you cannot pick and choose which to be reviewed by a consultant. Joyce goes for her Title 5 in November. Joe said to bring any plans to the Board to review. When Joyce gets her certifications, Joe will review plans with her.

Janet recapped her report for Joyce and Joe as they had left the meeting. Health Agent evaluations and Administrative Assistant evaluations. Possible merit increases. Joyce would like her review/feedback sooner rather than later. Joe asked Janet to do the evaluations for him. She agreed.

Janet would like the BOH to be more involved with the Emergency Response Team in town. What are our roles? What happens before, during and after an emergency? What is the Health Agent's role in it? Joe suggests setting up a meeting with the Emergency Management Team.

NEXT MEETING:

- September 18, 2023

ADJOURN:

7:44 p.m. Motion to Adjourn made by Dennis Randall

Second: Bill Kavol

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Lori Jones, Administrative Assistant
Kingston Board of Health

Approved: September 18, 2023