



City of Beverly, Massachusetts Public Meeting Minutes

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Board: Board of Health

Subcommittee:

Date: May 18, 2022

Place: Council on Aging Building, 90 Colon St. Suites A & B

Board members present: Dr. Justin Jordan, MD., Susan Higgins PE, William J. Alpine Jr. Esq. remote participation by telephone call in.

Board members absent:

Others present: William Burke, Director of Public Health, Teresa Kirsch, Public Health Nurse, Officer Lipinski, Animal Control Officer

Recorder: Kathleen McCullough

Dr. Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Burke read the 'Procedures for Remote Participation' which at this month's meeting is via telephone for Mr. Alpine. "The procedure allows technology that enables the remote participant and all persons present at the meeting location to be clearly audible to one another. If technical difficulties result in a remote participant being disconnected from the meeting, that fact and the time at which the disconnection occurred shall be noted in the meeting minutes. All votes taken during any meeting in which a member participates remotely shall be by roll call vote."

The Board reviewed, approved and accepted the minutes of the April 20, 2022 meeting.

The Gateway Condominium trust has applied for a lifeguard waiver for the pool. Ms. Higgins moved to approve the waiver, Mr. Alpine seconded. Vote by roll call was taken. All approved.

Joyce Redford, Director, North Shore/Cape Ann Tobacco Policy Program was scheduled to attend this month's meeting but has been tabled to attend the June Board of Health meeting.

The ongoing chicken permit for 11 Sylvan St. was discussed. Since last meeting, on April 29, the Building Department, Animal Control and Health Dept. did a site visit. The Building Dept. confirmed that there was sufficient space to site a coop. On May 16, the Health Dept. and Animal Control Officer visited the property and confirmed it was five feet or greater from property line.

The applicant, Katelyn Latouf of 11 Sylvan St., attended the meeting. She has a better placement for the coop and will move it after weekend hot temperatures.

Dr. Jordan discussed a proposal for a Boards of Health Consortium including twenty to twenty-two cities and towns. The Consortium will have quarterly meetings to share resources on many local health topics.

Teresa Kirsch said that the number of Covid cases are still on the rise. The Board discussed the probability of issuing a public awareness address on the rising cases advising the use of masks in public areas to help slow the spread of Covid-19. The Board suggested using the newspaper or a reverse 911 call to get the word out to the public. Ms. Kirsch announced one case of Monkey Pox in Massachusetts. She also voiced concern about the abortion ban issue. Mr. Alpine moved to approve the mask advisory, Ms. Higgins seconded. Vote by roll call was taken. All voted yes.

The Department is busy with seasonal yearly pool inspections, camp inspections, beach sampling, and farmers' market permits.

Mr. Burke will attend the City Council Budget hearings which is scheduled on June 1.

Ms. Karen Alpine has resigned her position as the fulltime Health Department Administrative Assistant and Clerk of the Board as of May 13, 2022. The job vacancy has been posted. Pam Woodbury, our part-time principle clerk will add a few hours during the week and retired Administrative Assistant, Kathy McCullough, has offered to help out too. She will be covering as Clerk of the Board and will be taking minutes tonight.

Many thanks to Ms. Alpine for her service to the Health Department. She spent extensive time learning/trouble shooting the new permitting/complaint software. She will be missed. We wish her well with her future endeavors.

Ms. Higgins motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Alpine seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen McCullough