

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
August 26, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Peter DeTerra and Lindsay Gordon. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent.

Chairman DeTerra called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 29, 2015. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Gordon; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The vote was unanimous.

Since the last meeting of July 29, 2015, the Board was informed through the health agent that the variance granted by the Board to allow for the placement of three picnic tables at Mackatan General Store, 39 Causeway Road was not in keeping with the requirements set forth by the Board of Selectmen when they approved the Beer & Wine Off Premise Liquor License earlier in the year. An abutter to the General Store informed the health agent about the agreed upon condition of no on-premise seating. Upon acknowledgement business owner Mr. Medeiros promptly removed the picnic tables from the site. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Gordon motioned to rescind the Board of Health variance granted July 29, 2015, which allowed for the three picnic tables; Mr. DeTerra seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Board members then discussed that they had heard at the Board of Selectmen's meeting of Friday, August 21, 2015, that the Selectmen were requesting input from the Board of Health as to the placement of two benches at the front of the store at the Causeway Road entrance. Discussion ensued. The Board believes the placement of two benches does not constitute an eatery and has no objections to the placement of the benches. The health agent will inform the business and the Board of Selectmen in writing of the Board's findings.

Health Agent's Report:

1. Beach water sampling is ongoing now. There is one more sampling remaining for the season.
2. Residents in the vicinity of 23-37 Goulart Memorial Drive complained of a horrific sewer like odor after a storm event of August 18. After on site reviews and water quality samples gathered independently by the health agent and the DMF, it was determined the nuisance odor was from decomposing seaweed that had either been dredged from the sea floor by the storm or ripped from a nearby marsh. The problem eradicated itself over time.
3. The Board reviewed recycling rates and trash tonnages for July 2015. Recycle is now up to 26% of the total solid waste stream and trash tonnage is down to 400 tons for the month-a decrease of about 100 tons for the month of July 2014.
4. The Earned Sick Time Law was briefly discussed. Though it is a new Massachusetts law, it does not apply to municipalities unless it is accepted by the community and funded. This would affect any part time Board of Health employee.
5. The Board received a written response from Town Counsel Crotty on how the Board of Health and its' employees will interact with the new Town Administrator position which will take effect upon the new hire later this year. The Board reviewed the information for future reference.
6. The Board's MaDPH allotment of fifty (50) doses of flu vaccine this year is intended only for school age children to 18 years of age and only those adults who are uninsured. As a result, the usual flu vaccine clinics may not be held by the Board. Rather, vaccine may be given through appointments to

interested families and uninsured adults who call the Board office for appointments. The health agent will work closely with the School Nurse in this matter. Ads in the local newspapers and on cable will be placed advertising availability of the vaccine for the designated populations.

7. Last Spring the MaDPH gave Boards of Health refrigerator data loggers which automatically record vaccine refrigerator temperatures. This was done to ensure the vaccine is kept at precise temperatures between 2° and 8° C. Nothing is kept in the refrigerator but vaccine when it arrives. The data logger therefore had not been downloaded frequently. There is a problem getting the refrigerator to register at the precise temperatures required. A pharmacy/vaccine refrigerator may be required. There is no money for such a purchase in the Board's budget and they cost about \$2,000 and up for a small undercounter unit. The health agent is in discussion with MaDPH and will continue to tweak the current refrigerator. The Board will be kept informed.

8. The Board inquired on the status of the administrative assistant. No information has been received.

Invoices were signed.

The Board discussed when to meet next. It was left that the health agent would contact all Board members to determine availability. There being no other regular business before the Board, Mr. DeTerra motioned to adjourn; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent