

TOWN OF MILTON
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health
Monday, April 6, 2015
Milton Town Office Building, Baker Conference Room

Attending: Roxanne, Musto, RN-C, MS, ANP, Chairman
Anne T. Fidler, Sc. D., Secretary
Laura T. Richards, Esq., Member
Anthony Compagnone, M.D., Medical Advisor
Caroline A. Kinsella, BSN, RN, Health Director and Public Health Nurse
Jean M. Peterson, Senior Administrative Assistant

1. Citizen Speak

There were no citizens present to address the Board.

2. Sign outstanding bills and approval of Minutes.

Chairman Musto signed one outstanding bill for payment. Meeting Minutes dated January 5, January 29, February 3, February 23 and March 9, 2015 were approved as amended.

3. 1776 Canton Avenue

Kevin Walker, owner of 1776 Canton Avenue, addressed the Board relative to obtaining a license in order to retain his animals, most of which he has owned for ten years. Mr. Walker explained to the Board that he was unaware that a license was required in order to own and keep animals on one's property. He owns six horses, three goats, one donkey, twenty-five chickens and three roosters. He explained that his animals are caged and that he maintains his property well. Health Director Kinsella informed the Board that she inspected and was impressed with the appearance of the property. She stated that the fee is \$50.00 for a one-time permit and she will inspect the property annually. The Board voted unanimously in favor of granting Mr. Walker the required license.

4. Avian influenza and chicken population in Milton

Health Director Kinsella informed the Board that Animal Control Officer, Nancy Bersani, has expressed concern about the raising of chickens in Milton as well as the potential for avian flu spreading into Massachusetts. Ms. Bersani had issued a letter to the Board of Health in July, 2014 expressing concern for the absence of regulations and tracking information for owners of chickens. Member Fidler suggested contacting the state veterinarian on the avian flu matter. Chairman Musto stated her opinion that the Board needs more information on the issue and discussed with Ms. Kinsella and Board members the idea of inviting Ms. Bersani to a future meeting.

5. 1150 Canton Avenue

Zachary Miller from Crosby Real Estate, addressed the Board on behalf of the homeowners, relative to repairs on the existing cesspool at said property. He was joined by Michael Joyce, the engineer for the project. Mr. Miller had addressed the Board on this matter in October and November, expressing financial hardship and requesting relief on behalf of the homeowners for connecting to town sewer. The Board had requested additional bids at that time and Mr. Miller provided the Board with an update. He presented copies of bid comparisons to the Board, some of which included compensation for police details. He and Mr. Joyce also provided the Board with thorough and detailed plans for the septic project. Chairman Musto requested more time to review the bids. In conclusion, Mr. Miller asked the Board to consider their request for determination of availability.

6. Health Agent Position

Health Director Kinsella presented four potential septic consultant candidates to the Board. She informed the Board that she had reviewed their qualifications and references. The Board voted to approve Paul Brogna, who has previous experience working for the Milton Board of Health, as a septic consultant.

7. Old Business

- Health Agent - Health Director Kinsella stated that the Health Agent position has been advertised four times and that none of the candidates holds the required soil evaluator license. The Board will review the applications.
- 395 Hillside Street - Ms. Kinsella informed the Board that Attorney Marion McEttrick sent out letters to abutters of 395 Hillside Street and that she delivered plans to the Health Office.
- Standdown Presentation - Ms. Kinsella updated the Board relative to the APHN "Standdown Presentation" on May 5th, and stated that she is making a presentation.
- Town Meeting Articles - The Board discussed Town Meeting Articles 40 and 27 which concern the Board of Health. Chairman Musto suggested that discussion related to those particular Articles should be tabled until the Health Director can be present.
- Tobacco Regulations – Health Director Kinsella stated that she and Health Inspector Nelly Browne-Janga visited all tobacco establishments in preparation for the change in regulations which become effective on April 30th. She stated that stores have cleared shelves of prohibited products.
- Mosquitoes – Ms. Kinsella stated that Milton Cable will air information on mosquitoes. Chairman Musto requested that information should also be published in the Milton Times.
- Camp Cunningham – Chairman Musto signed paperwork which allowed Camp Cunningham to obtain a permit without a pre-inspection visit.
- 203 Hillside Street and 1375 Canton Avenue - Assistant Town Administrator, Michael Blanchard, reviewed and approved new septic systems for both properties.

Ms. Kinsella also informed the Board that she successfully passed her registered sanitarian test and that the Union approved the hiring of a consultant for the Board of Health for a period of six months.

8. Future Meetings:

April 13, 2015 @ 7 p.m. at the Board of Health Office, Town Hall – one Agenda item to be discussed;
May 5, 2015 @ 6:45 p.m. (before start of Town Meeting) at Milton High School;
May 18th @ 7 p.m. – regular meeting of the Board of Health at Baker Conference Room, Town Hall;

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne T. Fidler
Secretary