

TOWN OF MILTON
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health
Monday July 20, 2015
Milton Town Office Building, Baker Room

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

1. Citizen Speak

There were no citizens present to address the Board.

2. Administrative Tasks

The Board approved the Minutes of June 15, 2015 and Chairman Fidler signed one bill for payment.

3. 374 Brook Road

The Health Director updated the Board relative to hoarding concerns and unhealthy living conditions at the residence of Peter Walsh, 374 Brook Road. Ms. Kinsella informed the Board that she had received a telephone call from Officer West from the Milton Police Department informing her of his concerns with the property. He requested that she enter the property for the purpose of witnessing firsthand Mr. Walsh's living conditions. Ms. Kinsella informed Officer West that legally, she would not be able to enter the property unless she was *invited* inside. Officer West informed Ms. Kinsella that since she could not enter the property, that he would instead forward to her a video which he had taken of the inside of the property. Ms. Kinsella viewed the video with Assistant Town Administrator Michael Blanchard and in conclusion, Michael Blanchard recommended that the house be condemned. The resident, Peter Walsh, was quite agitated about leaving his home upon the arrival of the Health Director. The Health Director then contacted Town Counsel who advised her to give Mr. Walsh a 24 hour emergency notice for vacating the property. She also contacted South Shore Elders, South Shore Mental Health and the Milton Police Chief. Accompanied by two Milton Police Officers and a representative from South Shore Mental Health, Ms. Kinsella revisited the house and had a discussion with Mr. Walsh. Following said discussion, the South Shore Mental Health Crisis Team made the decision to have Mr. Walsh sectioned (Section 12). He was treated at Beth Israel Deaconess Milton and later discharged to the home of a friend. Various Board members expressed several concerns including the legality of the video recorded by Officer West. Member Richards questioned whether arrests can be made for trespassing on condemned property and Chairman Fidler asked about the possibility of changing the locks on the property following condemnation. The Health Director distributed the copy of the Emergency Condemnation order to the Board which was dated July 14, 2015 and informed the Board that she will provide updates.

4. Keeping of Animals in Milton

The Health Director informed the Board that she worked with Animal Control Officer Nancy Bersani on updating the language in the Board of Health Regulations, Chapter 1: *Keeping of Animals in Milton* in an effort to include domestic fowl in the annual census. Ms. Kinsella distributed an updated version of the Regulations, for the Board's review. Member Richards suggested that raising residents' awareness of the increased number of chickens which are being found (and not returned to their owners) would justify the implementation of tracking requirements. The Board made some revisions to the language and stated their goal of helping owners locate lost fowl through census tracking.

5. Health Agent Position

Health Director Kinsella informed the Board that Stephen Bell was hired and had commenced his employment with the Health Department in the position of part-time Health Agent. Ms. Kinsella expressed hopes for his success and the possibility of the position eventually evolving into full time. She informed the Board that he had completed the ServSafe course and that he plans to obtain his pool certification in October.

6. Old Business

Chairman Fidler provided an update on "Tobacco 21" informing the Board that there is a high probability that Boston will increase the age for purchasing tobacco to age 21, which will help Milton businesses maintain their customer base.

Health Director Kinsella informed that Board that the Airplane Noise Advisory Committee sent a letter, dated June 29, 2015, to the Federal Aviation Administration relative to the detrimental health effects of RNAV airplane flights over the Town of Milton. She sent copies of the letter to politicians including Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey, Congressmen Stephen Lynch and Michael Capuano, Senator Brian Joyce and State Representative Walter Timilty. Member Richards suggested that a letter also be sent to State Rep. Linda Dorcena Forry.

7. New Business

Health Director Kinsella updated the Board relative to the following:

- The Substance Abuse Coalition – The Mission Statement and Building Principles were decided upon at the meeting on July 18, 2015.
- The dog bite from a Rhodesian Ridgeback which she had suffered while issuing a quarantine. As a result, the Animal Control Officer is making it a requirement that quarantined dogs must wear a muzzle for going outside of the house.
- Septic matters including the septic systems on Eustis Estate and several others on Hillside Street. She stated that Paul Brogna, the septic consultant has been doing a thorough job and informed her that some variances may be needed in the future.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2015.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Laura T. Richards, Esq.
Secretary

