

TOWN OF MILTON
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health
Monday June 15, 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

Judith Kennedy of 170 Atherton Street addressed the Board relative to airplane traffic over Milton. She expressed her concerns about noise, pollution and the potential health impact resulting from low- flying airplanes and increased air traffic. She asked the Board to oppose the new flight paths and increased air traffic being proposed by the FAA.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved as amended the Minutes of May 18, 2015.

3. Airplane Noise Advisory Committee Appointments

The Board of Health voted to appoint David T. Burnes, Andrew Schmidt and Jennifer Goonan to the Airplane Noise Advisory Committee following a motion made by Ms. Musto. * Prior to the appointment of the aforementioned to the ANA Committee by the Board of Health, they had been appointed to said Committee by the Board of Selectmen.

4. Keeping of Animals in Milton

Animal Control Officer Nancy Bersani addressed the Board about the keeping of backyard chickens and its increased popularity. She discussed some of the problems associated with keeping chickens including the abandonment/loss of chickens and diseases such as avian flu and salmonella. She suggested that a tracking system would be helpful for returning lost chickens to their owners. She alerted the Board to the avian flu issue. Ms. Bersani is advocating that residents register with the Board of Health if they own fowl. She also suggested that it would be helpful to communicate information to households about fowl via informational flyers or the Board of Health website. The Animal Inspector and Health Director will work together to implement language for a flyer and report back to the Board.

5. 395 Hillside Street

Marion McEttrick, attorney for homeowner, Gerrold Rubin addressed the Board relative to the septic system upgrade at 395 Hillside Street. Attorney McEttrick informed the Board that she reviewed the findings of the septic consultant, Paul Brogna, with Engineer Jeff Kane. Attorney McEttrick submitted a letter to the Board, dated June 11, 2015, indicating that the plan will be revised accordingly to comply with comments from Mr. Brogna after having reviewed the septic plans twice. Her letter also addressed the applicant's agreement to the conditions requested by the Board and states Mr. Brogna's and Engineer, Jeff Kane's conclusion that a ten foot barrier is not necessary. She concluded her comments and stated that the Applicant requests that the Board of Health vote to amend the variance granted in April, 2015 accordingly, by reducing the barrier around the leaching field from 10' to 5'. A motion was made for the Board to approve the full plan with recommendations by Paul Brogna. The Board voted all in favor.

6. Appointment of Health Director

The Board signed a letter appointing Caroline Kinsella as Health Director to serve until May, 2017.

7. Health Agent Position

The Board discussed the qualifications of two candidates, Stephen Bell and Lisa Abrams for the open position of Health Agent. Health Director Kinsella and Board Member Musto interviewed the candidates and spoke favorably about the qualifications of Mr. Bell. The Board proposed to offer the position to Mr. Bell with stipulations that he obtain certifications, including pool, servsafe, housing and soil evaluator. Ms. Musto stated that she would like the less complicated certifications to be accomplished within a few months as part of hiring conditions. Ms. Musto made a motion to hire Stephen Bell as Health Agent with the stipulations discussed by the Board. The Board voted all in favor.

8. Old Business

The Board discussed the issue of airplane traffic and newly proposed RNAV flight paths which could likely have an effect on the entire Town. Ms. Musto expressed concern that Milton bears 40% of airplane traffic coming out of Logan. As discussed by the Board, the Town will issue a letter of opposition to the FAA and the Board of Health will issue a separate letter opposing increased air traffic.

9. New Business

Health Director Kinsella updated the Board relative to the following:

- The Health Director participated in the Beth Israel Deaconess Milton walk with Vicki McCarthy.
- The Milton Substance Abuse Drug Coalition is working on a mission statement and goals.
- The Health Director created a pamphlet addressing drug awareness and purchased *Sharps* containers with a \$1000 grant from BID Milton. Ms. Kinsella informed the Board that she will distribute the pamphlets around Town, including the Police and Fire stations and Milton Public Library.
- The Health Director will attend the four Milton elementary schools for her annual presentation on lyme disease. Ms. Kinsella will also be conducting a melanoma presentation at the Milton Parks and Recreation Program.
- The Health Director informed the Board that the pool and camps inspections are beginning for the summer season and that she will be acquiring a tick board, a \$500 value, which she may bring to Farmer's Market and to the "Celebrate Milton" event in the Fall.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2015.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Laura T. Richards, Esq.
Secretary

