

TOWN OF MILTON
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health
Monday September 21, 2015
Milton Town Office Building, Baker Room

Attending:

Laura T. Richards, Esq., Secretary
Roxanne Musto, RN-C, MS, ANP, Member
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. Administrative Tasks

The Board approved the Minutes of July 20, 2015. There were no bills to be signed for payment.

3. 161 Hillside Street variance request

James Morin, Registered Sanitarian, addressed the Board relative to a request for a variance for the Title 5 Regulations for 161 Hillside Street. He explained that the owners, Stephanie and Kenan Foley, plan to sell the 4 bedroom property but that the septic plan has a 3' offset which does not meet the 4' offset requirement. Mr. Morin informed the Board that Paul Brogna, septic consultant for the Board of Health, finds the variance reasonable and recommends approval of the variance as it would not endanger the environment. Member Richards made a motion to grant the variance request and the Board voted in favor.

4. Burr Estate variance request

Peter Cohee, Manager of the Burr Estate Condominium Association addressed the Board relative to the semi-public swimming pool located at the Burr Estate located at 175 Milton Street. He informed the Board that in accordance with 105CMR 435.36 that he is applying for a variance in the frequency of two pool chemical tests. He explained that only about ten residents regularly use the pool and that the requirement to conduct free chlorine and pH tests four times per day is excessive and time consuming for the caretaker. He also explained that the chemical tests are extremely consistent from one day to the next. Mr. Cohee provided copies of the records for the Board's review. Member Musto asked if there have been any complaints about the pool. Mr. Cohee replied that the Health Inspector, Ms. Brown-Janga has always praised the maintenance and quality of the pool. Member Richards expressed interest in reviewing the state code prior to making a decision. The Health Director informed the Board that she contacted Pool Operation Management from the National Swimming Pool Foundation for advice and they advised compliance with the state code. She also informed the Board that Ms. Brown-Janga does not agree with this request. The pool water quality is excellent because it is being tested four times per day. The Board decided to take some time to review the state code and to respond to Mr. Cohee's request at a later date.

5. 374 Brook Road

The Health Director provided an update for the Board relative to the hoarding case of Mr. Peter Walsh who resides at 374 Brook Road. She stated that she has been in contact with many people concerning this matter. She informed the Board that she drafted an Agreement which listed conditions for which Mr. Walsh must comply. The Agreement is between Mr. Walsh and Town Counsel. She stated that Mr. Walsh signed the letter agreeing to the conditions outlined in the Agreement and that in the meantime, he is residing with a friend. Ms. Kinsella also informed the Board that she enlisted the assistance of Diane Ferrari from the Milton Residents Fund and from Kevin Mearn, former Town Administrator, who has helped Mr. Walsh in

the past. Ms. Ferrari provided a dumpster to Mr. Walsh and Ms. Kinsella was pleased to inform the Board that Mr. Walsh had it filled and was in the process of filling another. She reported that overall, he is making progress. Ms. Kinsella also stated that she visits once per week to check on Mr. Walsh's progress and stated that he must continue to comply. The Board agreed to revisit this case at a future meeting.

6. Board of Health five year forecast and 2016 budget

The Health Director outlined her five year forecast and 2016 budget for the Board. She informed of the Health Inspector's plan to retire next year and her idea to combine the Health Inspector and Health Agent position and creating one position. She also expressed her hope to hire a nurse for one or two days per week. Ms. Kinsella also informed the Board that the 2016 contingent and noncontingent budget are due on October 1st in order for the Town to prepare for and educate Milton residents about the need for a tax override. She read a narrative for FY 2017 and updated the Board about inputting flu data into the state mandated registry. The Board agreed that a member of the Board attend the next personnel meeting with Ms. Kinsella.

7. Appointment of Michael Andresino to the Airplane Noise Advisory Committee

The Board appointed Michael Andresino to the Airplane Noise Advisory Committee as recommended by Member Musto. She informed the Board that both the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen must approve committee members. She stated that Mr. Andresino is an attorney and that she feels he would be a good fit for the Committee. The Board of Selectmen appointed Mr. Andresino to the Committee at a previous meeting.

8. Medical Marijuana

Ms. Kinsella informed the Board that she met with Town Administrator Annemarie Fagan, Police Chief Richard Wells and Town Planner Bill Clerk relative to the Medical Marijuana Regulations as approved by Town Meeting in October 2014. She stated that the William Noyes Website Foundation will bring their presentation to the Town of Milton and encouraged Board members to attend. Ms. Kinsella stated that the Foundation, selected by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to operate registered marijuana dispensaries, would like to get a sense of where the Town stands on the medical marijuana issue.

9. Flu Updates

Ms. Kinsella informed the Board that she has increased purchases of flu vaccine and is in the process of contacting nurses to assist at the flu clinics. She received an epi pen donation, from BID Milton Hospital to be used in case of an emergency relating to a reaction to the flu shot.

10. New Business

Ms. Kinsella informed the Board of the following:

- Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition – The Coalition meets every 6 weeks. A new logo is being created by high school students and \$100 will be given as a prize at Celebrate Milton on October 4th. A \$200 donation was made to the Coalition by the Kiwanis Club of Milton.
- Prescription Drug Take Back Day – Bring unused or expired medications to the Milton Police Station on Saturday, September 26th from 10a.m. – 2 p.m.
- South Shore FACTS - 5th Annual Prevention of Underage Drinking & Substance Use Conference to be held September 29th 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Lombardo's, Randolph.
- Milton Monster Dash – a Team is participating to raise awareness about substance abuse.
- Temporary Food Permits – The Town of Milton does not charge for temporary food permits. Ms. Kinsella provided a spreadsheet listing area towns and the cost of temporary food permit fees. She

stated that the Health Inspector recommended that the Board review this and to insure that food servers are ServSafe certified. The Board decided to review this issue at next meeting.

- Bed & Breakfasts – Ms. Kinsella informed the Board that she was unaware of the possibility of Bed and breakfasts in the Town of Milton and informed the Board that she expressed her disappointment about this to the Town Planner. She stated that although this Article was rescinded, these regulations would have certainly impacted the Board of Health.
- New Subdivision – The Town Planner informed the Health Director of plans to construct a new subdivision at 33-41 Pleasant Street.

11. Old Business

The Health Director provided updated information relative to the following:

- The Annual Report was submitted to the Board of Selectmen
- The Massachusetts port Authority Community Advisory Committee – The Committee has met twice and will continue to meet quarterly.
- Leslie Raymond, a Northeastern student, assisted in the Health Department for several weeks during the summer months. The Health Office will welcome another student to assist for a semester.
- The Tri-Town Board of Health Community Health Worker Pilot Project - two community health workers (one Haitian and one Vietnamese), were hired to assist the public health nurses and promote health and wellness in the diverse areas of the towns of Randolph, Milton and Braintree.
- The Press Release was drafted by the Animal Control Officer pertaining to chicken regulations. The Board offered advice on modifying the language in the Press Release and decided to revisit the issue at a future meeting.
- Standdown Footcare for VETS – The Health Director informed the Board that she attended this annual event held in August which provides footcare related services to veterans. She also informed the Board that she will attend the Volunteers of America Dinner.
- Positive mumps case – A 27 year old woman had been diagnosed with the mumps virus last week and Ms. Kinsella was actively involved in contacting people that may have been exposed.
- A Positive case of vibrio contracted by a person who had consumed oysters.

12. Next Meeting Date

The meeting of the Board was tentatively scheduled for October 19, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Baker Conference Room.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Laura T. Richards, Esq.
Secretary