

**CITY OF SALEM
BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES**

March 10, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Shama Alam (Chair), Janet Greene, Paul Kirby & Dr. Danielle Ledoux

OTHERS PRESENT: Victoria Caldwell, Assistant City Solicitor, Mark Danderson new Board of Health member, Suzanne Doty, Public Health Nurse, Council Liaison Beth Gerard, Larry Ramdin Health Agent, & Heather Lyons-Paul Clerk of the Board

TOPIC

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Call to Order

7:15pm

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

(February 11, 2015)

J. Greene motioned to accept the minutes. Dr. Ledoux 2nd Motion Passed

3. Chairperson Announcements

Dr. Alam welcomed the new Board member, Mark Danderson. Since Mr. Danderson has not been sworn in under oath, he will be observing at this meeting.

Dr. Alam discussed meeting protocol with the Board

4. Monthly Reports-Updates

A. Public Health Nurse's Report

Copy available at the BOH office

B. Health Agent's Report

*L. Ramdin held a hearing at the request of the owner of 3 Buffum Street to discuss the challenges he has complying with the violation order

*L. Ramdin met with the regional opiate task force to discuss the setup of Salem stakeholders group to address opiate use and overdose concerns

*There is a city-wide spending freeze until FY16. All purchases must be essential and has to be approved by the Finance Director

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C. Administrative Report

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P. Kirby motioned to approve the reports 2nd J Greene Motion passed

**5. Executive Session:
Purpose 1**

**Dr. Ledoux motioned to go into executive for purpose 1 and resume the meeting after the executive session is closed. 2nd J. Greene Motion passed
Executive Session was continued to the next meeting.**

**6. Continuance of Nuisance
complaint 69 Orchard Street**

The Board of Health meeting was called back in session by Dr. Alam.

Dr. Alam asked the members of the audience to announce if

they are recording the meeting. The Salem Evening News, a Salem resident, and three SSU students are recording the meeting. For future reference members of the public recording a meeting should communicate this to the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Dr. Alam informed the audience that this is not a public hearing and that there are only 2 parties that are invited to speak to The Board: Mr. & Mrs. Cordy with their attorney Mr. Goodman, and Michelle Conway.

Atty. Goodman:

The nuisance is not the keeping of hens at 69 Orchard Street it is the small size of the lot and the proximity to the Cordy's property and the effect it has on them. It is unreasonable to conduct this activity in the specific location for these reasons. Atty. Goodman asked for the Cordy's to elaborate on this.

Mrs. & Mr. Cordy – 1 Orchard Terrace:

The Cordy's can hear chickens at any time of the day anywhere in the house even with the windows closed. The closeness of the coop causes a nuisance. They have been unable to use the yard since August 2014. Mr. Cordy has to wear a mask when outside in his backyard. The nuisance will not change in reference to where the coop is on that property.

Michelle Conway - 69 Orchard Street :

Mrs. Conway is disputing that the feathers are considered a nuisance. She has moved the chicken run to comply with the ordinance and change the size of her chicken coop wire so it's more difficult for any feathers to escape the coop. (Her full statement is available at the Board of Health office.)

J. Greene was recognized by the Chair and reiterated her statement from the last Board meeting. She will not be recusing herself because she has no financial gain and does not socialize with either party. She asked that the board and parties involved trust her integrity and objectivity as a member of The Board of Health and that she holds herself at a high standard because she is a Board member.

Dr. Ledoux asked for the perspective from Janet Greene because she lives in the neighborhood. J. Greene said she lives further away from the chickens than the Cordy's do. She has not heard any chicken noises while walking through the neighborhood. L. Ramdin verified this from having conducted the inspections.

Dr. Alam asked both parties if they have done any type of community arbitration. Both parties responded that arbitration has not been done.

The Board discussed the nuisance complaint and what action should be taken at this time. The Board further discussed that

more information is needed to make a final decision and a continuation of the nuisance complaint topic is necessary.

Dr. Ledoux motioned that the Board defer a vote until the Board is able to gather more information arising out of the executive session discussion and the nuisance complaint. P. Kirby 2nd Motion passed

7. City Council Liaison Updates

The Public Health Safety and Environment Committee will meet March 24th at 6:30pm to discuss the Board's reduction. Dr. Alam asked Larry to provide M. Danderson with background information on this topic.

8. New Business / Scheduling of future agenda items

*Continuance of nuisance complaint.
*Continuance of Executive Session Purpose 1
*L. Ramdin will start providing a mid-month Health Agent update to the Board

9. MEETING ADJOURNED:

P. Kirby motioned to adjourn. Dr. Ledoux 2nd Motion passed
9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lyons-Paul
Clerk of the Board

*Next regularly scheduled meeting is April 14, 2015 at 7pm
At City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street, Room 313 Salem.*