

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

April 14, 2015

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

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

TOPIC

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Call to Order

7:04pm

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

(April 14, 2015)

P Kirby motioned to accept the minutes. J. Greene 2nd All in favor - Motion Passed

3. Chairperson Announcements

Dr. Alam shared a letter from the Mayor stating that Spaulding North Shore is closing and that the city is looking for members to form a task force and a health round table. Dr. Alam asked if anyone was interested. M. Danderson will volunteer as well as Dr. Alam. Meeting are once a month. Dr. Ledoux will be an alternate if M. Danderson is unavailable.

4. Monthly Reports-Updates

A. Public Health Nurse's Report

- DPH has not changed their policy for distributing PPD.
- Copy available at the BOH office

B. Health Agent's Report

- The home rule petition for the Board's reduction from 7 to 5 was approved by City Council and will be forwarded to the legislature for approval. Approval is dependent on how soon they can get it into their calendar, given that they are in the middle of the state budget process.
- Cherry Street history of trash issues discussed. Arrangements were made with the property owner to start the cleanup process but it has not been working so far. The Chair recognized Councilor Turiel. He added the community and the city met about this property and the matter is being address at this time.
- L. Ramdin advised the Board that interviews for the Sanitarian Position where held and Jeffrey Barosy was selected and he accepted the offer with a tentative start date of April 27, 2015.
- Copy available at the BOH office

C. Administrative Report

- There are still budget restraints from the Finance Department but they have been relaxed so bills under \$500 can be paid without prior approval from their department.
- Copy available at the BOH office

**Dr Ledoux motioned to approve the reports 2nd P Kirby
All in favor - Motion passed**

**D. City Council Liaison
Updates**

- The Board reduction vote passed unanimously. There was positive discussion around this topic. Dr. Alam received a lot of positive feedback as well.
- Home Rule Petition will go back to Council after approval by the legislator and then the city ordinances will be updated to reflect the change. Larry will inform the former Board members about this topic.
- A letter from Mayor's office stated that Pan Am Railways will be spraying herbicide along the railway on May 12, 2015

5. Ex. Session: Purpose 1

**Dr. Ledoux motioned to go into executive session purpose 1, per MGL Ch30A S21 (a)(1): To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. P. Kirby 2nd All in favor - Motioned passed
Roll call: Dr. Danielle Ledoux, Dr. Shama Alam, Janet Greene, Mark Danderson & Paul Kirby; All in favor**

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

L. Ramdin read into record the inspection report done on April 14, 2015 from Sr. Sanitarian David Greenbaum and Sanitarian Elizabeth Gagakis. The inspection report from The Animal Control Officer Don Famico's from April 13, 2015 was read into record. And a letter to the Board from Councilor Josh Turiel from April 14, 2015 was read into record. The Board also received a email from Michelle Conway stating that she would not be attending tonight's meeting.

Copies available at the Board of Health office.

Dr. Ledoux asked Mr. Ramdin how the department would address the noise complaint.

The Air pollution regulations include noise. The department staff did not find evidence of noise issue.

P Kirby suggested to the Board that we as a Board should think about nuisance law and how to proceed with a public vs private health threat. He asked Vickie Caldwell to provide a letter from the city solicitor's office that explains this process.

P. Kirby motioned that we request the City Solicitor's office prepare for the Board of Health a memorandum addressing the legal issues around whether a nuisance must pose a general threat to public health verses a specific threat to the health of an individual. 2nd M. Anderson All in favor – Motion passed

A proposed letter from Chair, Dr. Shama Alam, addressed to both parties, was read into record on this public health nuisance complaint.

Deliberations and vote will be done at the Board of Health meeting on May 12, 2015.

Dr. Alam recognized Councilor Legault. He sincerely complimented the Board on their deliberations.

Dr. Ledoux motioned to accept letter from Dr. Alam and defer the vote until the next meeting. P. Kirby 2nd All in Favor - Motion passed.

7. New Business / Scheduling of future agenda items

- Continuance of nuisance complaint
- Spaulding North Shore closing discussion
- Opiate discussion - Active working group

8. MEETING ADJOURNED:

Dr. Ledoux motioned to adjourn. P. Kirby 2nd All in favor - Motion passed
9:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lyons-Paul
Clerk of the Board

*Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 12, 2015 at 7pm
At City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street, Room 313 Salem.*