

**CITY OF SALEM  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 9, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Barbara Poremba, Chair, Dr. Shama Alam, Paul Kirby & Dr. Danielle Ledoux  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Larry Ramdin Health Agent, & Council Liaison Beth Gerard

**TOPIC**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**1. Call to Order**

7:00pm

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting**  
(July 8<sup>th</sup> & August 7<sup>th</sup>)

Dr. Alam motioned to approve minutes Dr. Ledoux 2nd. Approved unanimously

Dr. Poremba asked the Board if there were any objections to taking the agenda out of order, starting with the public comment section on, the Keeping of Backyard Poultry – No objections.

**4. Chairperson Announcements**

Dr. Poremba reminded the members that there are online trainings and MAHB has a training program as well November 15<sup>th</sup>, Paul Kirby will be going to the MAHB training EDS training drill clinic will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>, at Salem High School. Board members are encouraged to attend ICS 100 and 200 & 700 online trainings are available online for members interested in getting certified.

Chair asked for update on status on amendment to the size of the Board. Dr. Alam did try to meet with Councilor Seagal with no response. She tried to get an informal meeting to ask if the health and safety committee to meet on the matter of the Board of Health size.

Larry said the Mayor has submitted a nominee to the city council for a new Board member. Board discussed concerns about stagnation of this issue.

**5. Hawthorne Hotel Hearing**

The Hawthorne Hotel has requested their hearing be moved to November's meeting – No Objections

**6. Monthly Reports-Updates**

**A. B. Health Agent  
Report**

The very 1st electronic death registration was done. An electronic payment was made as well.

L Ramdin will look at city ordinance on zoning pertaining to chicken coops

David Greenbaum & Elizabeth Gagakis are taking the FDA food borne illness training courses this week

S. Doty & H. Paul will be starting the foundations of local public health course in October.

Public Health concerns re: Ebola and Enterovirus 68 and implications for Salem discussed.

Approved unanimously; copy available at the BOH

**B. Public Health  
Nurse's Report**

S. Doty, Public Health Nurse is in Alabama taking a FEMA training course. D.O.T.s are being cover by neighboring communities while Suzanne is in training this week. Approved unanimously; copy available at the BOH

**C. Administrative  
Report**

Approved unanimously; copy available at the BOH

**D. City Council Liaison  
Updates**

Was excused from the meeting

**Dr. Ledoux motioned to accept reports - 2nd Dr. Shama Alam  
Approved unanimously**

**3. New Business**

Discussion and Public Comment on  
backyard poultry keeping

Dr. Poremba introduced the guidelines of the public comment section of the meeting.  
All handouts from the public and additional emails will be put into record. Emails should be sent to Larry Ramdin at [lramdin@salem.com](mailto:lramdin@salem.com) by September 29, 2014 (20 days after this meeting) so the emails can be distributed to the Board before the next meeting.

The following spoke during the public comment section:

Lea Benson – 19 Pickman Street  
Kevin and Kristen Cordy – 1 Orchard Street  
Patrick Scanlan - 42 Dearborn Street  
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Kathy Karsh – 76 Memorial Drive  
Denise , Chris & Allie Granniss – 3 Fairfield Street  
Jim Adams – 5 Manning Street  
Michelle Conway – 69 Orchard Street  
Jane Stewart – 18 Dalton Parkway  
Ward 5 Councilor Josh Turiel – 238 Lafayette Street  
Cady Goldfield – 37 Moffatt Road  
Maura Murphy - 70 Dearborn St  
Geoff Millar 20 Abbott St  
Jen Lynch 38 Charles St  
Pat Gozemba - 17 Sutton Ave  
Ward 2 Councilor Heather Famico - 195 Essex Street

Dr. Poremba closed the public comments section. The Board took a 10 minute recess.

Dr. Poremba called the meeting back to order.  
Reports and Chair announcements were discussed.

Board discussed comments and regulation.

P. Kirby asked how this regulation came about.

L. Ramdin responded that there have been concerns about the raising of animals in the city. At this point we have a very broad

regulation. There are also a number of diseases related to poultry. Bird flu is on the radar along with other diseases. Chickens are farm animals they are not domesticated house hold pets so the city needs a separate regulation for them. This regulation along with all other Board of Health regulations, permit us to conduct inspections.

Dr. Ledoux asked what public health issues we should be covering under this regulation.

L Ramdin responded that general nuisances presented by the keeping of poultry, the prevention of creating attractive nuisances, rodent & pest breeding or harborage of food provision conditions, and the spread of disease. He also explained to the Board that they can change anything in the draft regulation that you want before they vote on it. He can gather information for the members to help them make this decision.

The Board requested that L. Ramdin provide more information on disposing of dead chickens, diseases that chickens can carry & who would be allowed to get a variance to this regulation given the number of residents that have more than 6 chickens.

6.Misc.

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Alam, no objections

**7.. MEETING ADJOURNED:**

9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lyons-Paul  
Clerk of the Board

*Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 14, 2014 at 7pm  
At City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room Salem.*