

SWAMPSCOTT BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2016

The Board of Health meeting of Wednesday, January 13, 2016 was called to order at 6:05 PM. Attending were Martha Dansill, Chairwoman, Marianne Hartmann, RN, and Dr. Larry Block, Board Members, Jeff Vaughan, Director of Public Health, and Sarah Pruett, Member of the Open Space Committee.

The minutes of December 9, 2015 were accepted.

The Board of Health signed the Regulation of the Swampscott Board of Health Sale, Permitting, and Use of Tobacco Products, Nicotine Delivery Products and E-Cigarettes. The effective date is June 1, 2016.

Dr. Block signed the Standing Orders for Tuberculin Skin Testing.

Sarah Pruett of the Open Space Committee apprised the Board of Health of her efforts to procure Chip Osborne, President of Osborne Organics, to present a talk to the residents of Swampscott. Osborne Organics is "a consulting company that specializes in working with clients to promote and teach strategies that enable the level of knowledge to increase in the area of chemical free land management". This lecture is for the purpose of removing toxic chemicals in lawn care and replacing them with organic materials and will be held at the Swampscott High School Auditorium on Thursday, April 7, 2016.

Chip Osborne has offered to appear pro bono, although it was suggested to ask for donations to provide him with a stipend.

The Board of Health, in conjunction with the Open Space Committee, will work to promote the talk by advertising in the local papers and inviting groups or organizations they feel would most benefit by attending. It was recommended that the Director of Public Works, Gino Cresta, the Athletic Field Advisory Committee and representatives from the Tedesco Country Club be strongly urged to attend.

Dr. Block suggested sending out a "save the date" announcement in early February. Martha Dansill will inquire whether Mr. Osborne has a prepared press release available for publication. Ms. Dansill will work with Ms. Pruett as liaison for the Board of Health in this matter. The Board feels that this is a subject of utmost importance and desires to bring other departments and committees in unison on this issue.

Health Director, Jeff Vaughan, updated the Board that the regionalization coalition is in the process of adopting a new food code. A request for proposal (RFP) has been issued for an educator to instruct the group and merchants of food establishments about the new code. There are plans to also make a video with this educator for distribution.

Swampscott Pizza & Grill will be opening on Monday, January 17, 2016 at 197 Essex Street across the street from the SHS.

The first week of February will be the last curbside Christmas tree pick-up. Jeff will send out a robocall to remind residents.

Mr. Vaughan received the protocol from the Fire Department of an updated Open Burn Permit. He will forward this information via e-mail to the Board of Health members.

Jeff Vaughan asked Marianne Hartman, RN, if she knew if the schools used the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Tools for Schools program in regard to children with asthma. Nurse Hartman was unsure. Mr. Vaughan will contact Angela Angelakis, Superintendent of Schools, to discuss this subject.

Marianne Hartmann, RN, stated that she will contact a State Epidemiologist to set up a tick talk. These presentations book quickly, so Ms. Hartmann will get a few available dates and make the request earlier this year.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall on 22 Monument Avenue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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