

TOWN OF MILTON
MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
March 13, 2023
7 p.m.
Remote via Zoom

Attending:

Laura T. Richards, Esq., Chair
Mary F. Stenson, R.N., BSN, Secretary
Roxanne Musto, RN-C, MS, ANP, Member
Caroline Kinsella, BSN, RN, RS, Health Director, Public Health Nurse
Jean M. Peterson, Senior Administrative Clerk

1. **Administrative Tasks:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2023 and February 9, 2023 were approved. The following documents were included in the Board members' packets: Agenda, Minutes of 1/30/2023, Reports from the Public Health Nurse and Health Agent. Literature included: Attorney General's Statewide Opioid Settlement Information, Massachusetts Local Public Health Racial Equity Training Opportunities, Lower Gile Field Project, CHA Invoice.

2. **Discussion of Statewide Opioid Settlement monies and overseeing of the funds**

The Health Director informed the Board that the Town of Milton has received Opioid Settlement Funds in the amount of \$155,000 which will continue until 2038. Town Administrator Nick Milano asked the Health Director if the Board of Health would like to oversee said funds. Otherwise, the Select Board will oversee the funds. The Health Director stated that the funds may be used broadly and that there will be reporting requirements. Secretary Stenson stated that she would like to hear from other municipalities as to how they have expended their Opioid Settlement Funds. Member Musto suggested getting feedback from Community Social Worker Anne Grossman with ideas on how to utilize the funds. Ms. Kinsella explained that the Health Department will need to show accountability that the funds are being spent properly. The Board unanimously decided that the Board of Health will oversee the funds. The Board of Health will come up with a vetting process of who will receive the funds.

3. **999 Brook Road Update**

The owner of the property, Mr. Tarpley, informed the Health Department that he is in Florida while his home, 999 Brook Road, is under construction. The Health Agent, Joyce Krystofolski has been and will remain in contact with Mr. Tarpley. Ms. Krystofolski plans to visit Mr. Tarpley's home in a few months to view the progress.

4. **Health Director Report**

- NC-8 approved \$15,000 for the continuation of the Community Health Assessment, contingent on approval from the State.
- The Health Director said that the Warrant Committee is expected to contact her with a date to present the Health Department budget.
- The Health Agent will visit 189 Hillside Street on March 24th. She did not see any horses during her February 24th visit.
- A vigil to remember lives lost to overdose and substance use disorder will be held at the Milton Town Hall gazebo on Sunday April 30th at 6:30 p.m.
- Key Stakeholder interviews are in process for the Community Health Assessment. Two focus groups were held last week.
- Interviews are in process for the open Assistant Health Director position.
- Health Department staff is training on the new PermitEyes electronic permitting system.
- Mass in Motion additional funding has made it possible to increase Rina Dennehy's hours from 14 to 16 hours per week.
- Hiring Consultant Amanda Decker to assist with the re-application of the DFC grant year 6-10.

5. **Future Meeting Date:**

The Health Director asked the Board if they are interested in attending the Conservation Commission meeting along with the Park and Recreation Department. The meeting is scheduled for April 11th. The lower Gile turf field project will be the topic of discussion.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7 p.m. It has not been determined if a Citizen Speak Agenda item will be included.

6. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mary F. Stenson, Secretary

