

TOWN OF MILTON
MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
April 27, 2023
6 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 6:02 p.m. There were no residents for Citizen Speak. The following documents were included in the Board members' packets: Agenda, Reports from Health Director, Community Social Worker, Health Agent and Wellness Coordinator, "Light the Way" flyer, South Shore Food Bank 2023 Leadership Program application, Norfolk District Attorney Grant Award, Opioid Settlement Funds – application Wrentham, Caroline Kinsella's performance appraisal, Notice of Intent Application for Reconstruction of Lower Gile Field.

2. Reorganization of the Board and reappointment of the Health Department staff

The Board reorganized for the 2023-2024 year as follows:

Roxanne Musto – Chair
Laura Richards – Secretary
Mary Stenson – Member

The Board voted unanimously to reappoint the Health Department staff for the 2023-2024 year as follows:

Anne Grossman – Community Social Worker
Joyce Krystofolski – Health Agent
Susan Poirier – Public Health Nurse
Jean Peterson – Senior Administrative Clerk

3. Reappointment of the Health Director/Public Health Nurse

The Board voted unanimously to reappoint Caroline Kinsella to Health Director/Public Health Nurse for a two year term.

4. Community Health Assessment update

The Health Director reported that the Town of Milton received \$15,000 from the Public Health Excellence grant voted on by NC-8. The Town of Norwood is the fiscal agent. This enables Laurie Stillman to continue her work on the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. Target date for completion is late Fall. There is one epidemiologist at the present time upon the resignation of Amber Mullen from NC-8. Data collection and key informant interviews to be completed this week. Coalition Co-Director Stormy Leung received a \$2,000 grant from the Norfolk District Attorney's Office to print the Behavioral Guide and facilitate the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Community leaders and residents.

5. Discussion of Opioid Settlement monies

The Health Director stated that the Health Department will oversee the opioid settlement monies. The Town of Milton has received \$155,000 and will continue to receive funds through 2038. The Board discussed ideas and strategies for expending the funds. Town Meeting will vote to approve \$75,000 in opioid settlement expenses for FY24.

6. Health Director Report

*The DFC Grant has been submitted for years 6-10.

*Prescription Drug Take Back Day in collaboration with the Milton Police Department was held on April 22nd. 300 lbs of medicine were disposed of.

*Caroline Kinsella and Susan Poirier to attend MAPHN conference on May 3rd and 4th.

*Annual Town Meeting begins next week. The Health Director will be in attendance.

*Rina Dennehy to attend the South Shore Food Bank Leadership Program.

The Health Director stated she would also like to attend this program. The Board of Health approved.

*The Milton Coalition is holding the First Annual Vigil to remember lives lost to substance use disorder. The Vigil will be held on April 30th.

*The Conservation Commission is conducting a site walk of Lower Gile Field on May 6th, 8:30 a.m.

*No swimming/fishing signage to be placed in Milton and Quincy as the Neponset River has PCB pollution. Milton officials were notified of said contaminants.

*Turner's Pond had a cyanobacterial bloom and signage was posted by the Health Department. The bloom has since dissipated and the State is coming to do water testing to lift the warning.

*The Health Department has not received any new applications for Assistant Health Director.

*The Town Administrator agreed to an increase in Susan Poirier's hours from 16 to 19.

*Health Agent Joyce Krystofolski submitted resignation to accept Health Agent position in Kingston.

7. Health Agent Report

999 Brook Road – Mr. Tarpley is in Florida for 3 months during construction on his home in Milton.

189 Hillside Street – Thus far, there are four horses housed in the barn and the Health Agent is conducting inspections.

Bridget Sweet may be available to help with food inspections after Ms. Krystofolski's departure.

8. Executive Session

The Health Director recused herself so that the Board could conduct a review of her performance in Executive Session.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7 p.m.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Laura T. Richards
Secretary

