

DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
November 9th, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jason Brogan MS, CISSP, Chairperson
Dr. J Stephen Camer MD Vice Chairperson
Leanne Jasset, B.S.P., RPH, Member
Catherine Cardinale, Health Director
Renee Johnson, Administrative Assistant
Alison Stanton, Resident 30 Woodleigh Rd.

Meeting called to order at 5:34

5:36 Board moves to Re-accept Minutes from September meeting.

1. Health Director, Catherine Cardinale opens up the floor for comments:

- i. Alison Staton reads statement from Jonathan Pape. He asks the Board of Health to consider hosting the meetings later on in the evening. He cites other Boards in the town start later and therefore provide an opportunity for residents to attend. He mentions that he was unable to attend last month, due to the posting of the meeting time being wrong. He and Ms. Staton wish to specifically address that on October 2nd a letter was written and sent by Chairman of the Board Jason Brogan to the finance and warrant committee outlining opposition of Article 12, the proposal for the creation of the Human Rights Committee. Because the letter was signed "Chairman, Board of Health" the residents want to inquire if the views of this letter reflect those of the Board. In addition, to know what policies and actions will be put in the place to ensure that future communications from Board Members will not include their title.
- ii. Catherine Cardinale informs the resident that we have a packet that outlines and answers any views reflected, by the Board.
- iii. Jason Brogan, Chairperson states that the letter sent was independent and that it did not in any way reflect the views of the board, nor did he discuss the views he held with the board. He stated that unless someone from the Board makes a motion to create a policy to change what is the current policy, there will not be any policies put in place, regarding restriction of a Board Member from using their title. Board Member Leanne Jasset states that the Board asked town council for a ruling and/or the legality of the issue, and the ruling that any

elected individual has the opportunity or privilege to do that or can make the decision to sign communications using their title.

Board Member Leanne Jasset states that there is no further action needed as it is clearly defined and understood legally by our town council.

Chairperson Brogan states that he feels like he owes the Board members an apology, in his opinion, and he feels as though he should of given everyone a heads up before composing the letter.

Resident Alison Staton, states that she would like to see reflected in the minutes, that there was no prior discussion with the board before Chairperson Brogan composed the letter.

2. New Business

Health Director Catherine Cardinale informs the board she will be applying to the state regarding inspections and rotations and how they will be performed. The Health Department will be reclassifying establishments, making the higher risk establishments, inspected 4 times a year, i.e.: senior/elderly housing/ Hospitals.

Chairperson Brogan asks if there will be an increase in net hours needed. Catherine Cardinale, will look at the numbers and based on the amount of senior rehabs and nursing homes. Board Member Jasset would like the Health Inspector to break down establishments, how many and under what category? Which establishments would be exempt or bumped up to required inspections, compared to what is currently going on?

Camer asks if the Board of Health anticipates the need for more employees for the Board of Health.

Health Director Catherine Cardinale is not sure at the moment but plans to look at it further.

Old Business

Hazardous Waste was completed, and we exceeded past numbers of attendees and budget. Catherine Cardinale is looking to increase budget or find a new vendor for the town.

New Business

Vaccination for the Board of Health has finished. The Public Nurse has successfully used her supply and will order as needed.
Advises the board to revisit the fee schedule, to update, as it hasn't been updated since 2010.

Member Leanne Jasset has asked from the department to print up 2010 fee schedule to provide to the Board.

Dr. Camer Vice Chairperson, wishes to implement more programs for the Board of Health to provide to the Community.

Catherine Cardinale, Health Director states she wishes to bring in Jessica Gardner, Public Health Nurse into the discussion.

Motion to adjourn at 6:03.

Jason Brogan, Chairman

