

Board Members

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TOWN OF MEDWAY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Date/Time of Meeting: 10/3/2022

Location of Meeting: Medway Public Library, 26 High Street

Committee Members Roll Call and in Attendance: Jack Mill ☒ Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☒ Leanne Harris ☒
Caryn Smith ☒

Visitors Present:

Town Employees Present: Derek Kwok, Kelly OBrien

Call to Order: 5:28pm

Minutes Review: August 15th, September 19th, 2022 (tabled for revisions)

Agenda Item 1: Application for a Disposal System Installer was reviewed and approval was recommended by Mr. Kwok
Brandon Nichols of Nichols Excavating *Motion to approve made by Mr. Mill, seconded by Ms. Harris, approved by all.*

Agenda Item 2: Ms. OBrien and Animal Control Officer went to residence to view coop. Ms. OBrien recommended approval.
3 Winthrop Street *Motion to approve made by Mr. Mill, seconded by Ms. Harris, approved by all.*
(Farm Animal Permit)

Topic Update(s): Narcan: Mr. Kwok sent an email to Police and Fire, who were very receptive to training the public about educating the public on using Narcan. Mr. Kwok was told that they have a PowerPoint presentation and that they are going to tailor it for public understanding. Ms. Smith thought having a public link would be great, but also suggested expanding the training beyond residents, sending the information to local businesses, schools, etc. Pharmacies have a standing order for Narcan, so the public would not need a prescription. Ms. OBrien also let the Board know that there is a link on the BOH webpage where the public could obtain information. Ms. Smith suggested face-to-face trainings and Mr. Kwok said he would reach out to Police and Fire about potentially having that as an option.

Fee Changes: Mr. Kwok let the Board know that he is still finalizing changes to the fees, as well as making sure fees and wording are in alignment with what we have in the regulations. Once completed, fees will be reviewed by the Board.

VNA Contract: The contract between Town of Medway and Natick/Walpole Visiting Nurses Association (NWNVA) will be replicated with minor changes and re-signed for the 2023 FY. Ms. Tonelli wanted to ensure that blood pressure clinics were being done at the Senior Center as they ceased during the pandemic. Mr. Kwok assured the Board that they are holding up their end of the contract by hosting blood pressure clinics. Mr. Abdi asked to see how much has been paid to the NWNVA and asked about obtaining a town nurse. The Board discussed bringing this subject to the Town Administrator. Mr. Kwok said now we did not have it in the budget to directly hire a town nurse, nor do we have the office space, but information would be obtained with the possibility of hiring a town nurse in the future.

Library – October 7th Event: The Board reviewed the communication between the Library Director, Margaret Perkins, and Mr. Kwok regarding an event that requires a N-95 mask and proof of COVID-19 vaccination prior to entry. Ms. Smith questioned whether this was private event vs. a public attendance event. The Board was not in agreeance with the restrictions considering the US is not in a pandemic-state anymore and people that are not vaccinated cannot attend. Ms. Harris felt that the Board of Health controls communicable diseases within Medway and considering this is a “public event”, the Board should have been approached on the subject.

Mr. Mill made the following motions:

- 1. For either Mr. Kwok or Ms. OBrien to contact “MetroWest Out” (event host), soften requirements for a mask or vaccination card,*
- 2. Reach out to Town Council to see if the host has the right to hold this public event with mask/COVID-19 vaccine restrictions,*
- 3. To exercise options as recommended by Town Council if need be.*

Motion seconded by Ms. Tonelli, all approved.

The conversation continued with a motion made by Mr. Abdi about having an emergent ZOOM meeting prior to the event, suggestibly on Thursday, October 6th. Seconded by Mr. Mill. Approved by all.

Parks & Recreation, DPW – Choate Park: Mr. Kwok stated that he has communicated with these two departments, receiving response that it is their belief that removing trash cans from the parks is the best solution. Each department has invited the Board to their meetings for discussion and are currently working on writing a response. It was motioned by Mr. Mill to declare the trash around the park a public nuisance, but before a second motion was made, Mr. Kwok suggested to work with the two departments, and wait for their response is to the Board. Mr. Mill agreed to Mr. Kwok’s suggestion and chose to withdraw his motion until further notice. Mr. Mill wanted to make sure the two departments were aware of the Board’s concerns surrounding trash at the park.

A motion was made by Ms. Harris to invite Debra Rossi, Chair from the Parks and Recreation department to come to the next meeting (November 7th) and listen to the Boards concerns. Seconded by Mr. Mill, approved by all.

Tabled Items:

Fluoride
Documentation

Documentation received by last meetings guest/resident was distributed to the Board, as well as documenation from the CDC, HHS and WHO. This discussion will be revisited at a later meeting.

**Committee Member
Roll Call to
Complete Meeting:**

Jack Mill ☒ Khalid Abdi ☒ Katherine Tonelli ☒
Leanne Harris ☒ Caryn Smith ☒

Next Meeting Date: 11/7/2022

Adjourn: 6:49pm

Respectfully re-submitted by Kelly OBrien on 2022.11.18