



*Town of Rochester  
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**BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES  
JANUARY 4, 2023  
4:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Glenn Lawrence  
Sarah Tisdale Eby  
William David Souza – Absent

Karen A. Walega, Health Director  
Connie Dolan, Public Nurse  
Lori Walsh, Administrative Assistant

**Also Present:** Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Oliveira, 167 Cushman Road  
William McDonough, 14 Holly Hill Lane  
Anne Estabrook, Animal Control  
Glenn Cannon, Town Administrator  
The Wanderer

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.**

1. Review Minutes – December 7, 2022 – No motion was made.
  2. Review Correspondence
- The Board reviewed the correspondence and no action was taken.

**Meeting with Larry Oliveira, 167 Cushman Road: - Animal Complaint**

Discussion with Larry Oliveira, William McDonough, Anne Estabrook, The Board and the Health Director, Karen Walega regarding the ongoing animal complaint on 167 Cushman Road.

During the last meeting on June 29, 2022 with Mr. Oliveira and Mr. McDonough, the Board said that if the animals got out and went on Mr. Oliveira's property one more time, then Mr. McDonough will have to get rid of the animals.

Since the last hearing, the Board of Health received another complaint from Mr. Oliveira stating there were sheep on his property again.

During the hearing, discussion went on with the Board and all representatives present. During the hearing, Anne Estabrook said that all the animals are gone (bulls, cows and donkey's) except for the sheep. Mr. Oliveira said that the sheep were not on his property, they were on his neighbor's property, Tim Ciaffoni, and the animals are not supposed to be out of Mr. McDonough's yard. Mr. McDonough said that he owns part of Mr. Ciaffoni's property and the reason the sheep were out was due to a fence

being knocked down from bad weather. He said he will fix the fence. Anne Estabrook did an inspection two weeks ago and the only animals there were the sheep.

Mrs. Eby said that Mr. McDonough will fix his fence and from now on if the sheep are on Mr. Oliveira's property, he should contact the Animal Control Officer.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Nitrogen Pollution email from Buzzards Bay regarding pending Nitrogen Pollution Regulations**

Discussion ensued with the Health Director and the Board regarding the letter that Ms. Walega is getting ready for the Board to review before it gets sent to DEP. The deadline for public comment is January 30, 2023.

**Back log of legal issues that have yet to be addressed**

Health Director, Karen Walega told the Board that she will be discussing these legal issues with the new Building Inspector, Paul Boucher and also the Town Planner, Nancy Durfee.

There will be a meeting with Kenny Motta and Rich Riccio next week to discuss the fire suppression unit at Trailside Estates. Mrs. Eby suggested a cease and desist until it's completed. Health Director Walega talked about the list of properties in Rochester that the Board of Health received complaints on.

**Budget FY2024**

Health Director Walega told the Board that she would like to increase the salaries for the public Health Nurse to 25 hours and the Administrative Assistant to full time 37.5 hours. The Budget will have to be turned in by Friday, January 13, 2023. The Board didn't have any issues with the increases.

There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the increase in the new budget. The Health Director would like to have a special meeting in the future to look at livestock containment and minimum standard of material.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn at 5:42 p.m.

Mrs. Eby seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
William David Souza, Chairman

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Lori Walsh, Board Administrator