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BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

September 7, 2022

4:00 P.M.

**Present: William David Souza, Chairman
Glenn Lawrence
Sarah Tisdale Eby**

**Karen A. Walega, Health Director
Lori Walsh, Board Administrator
Mick Colageo, The Wanderer**

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

1. Review Minutes – August 3, 2022

Mrs. Eby made a motion to approve the minutes for August 3, 2022.

Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passes.

TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM – 4:10 P.M.

Megan DaCosta introduced herself to the Board of Health as the new Tobacco Control Program Inspector. She would like a list of Tobacco Vendors in town and a copy of the Tobacco Control Regulations for the Town of Rochester.

The Board voted to have Megan Dacosta be in charge of the Tobacco Control Program for the Town of Rochester. All Were in favor. Motion passes.

UPDATE:

1. **14 Holly Hill Lane** – Nothing going on at this time.
2. **122 Pine Street** – Health Director, Karen Walega asked the Animal Control Office to go out to this property. She said that Mr. Umbelina still has more to clean up.
3. **Mrs. Butt's Property, 515 Rounseville Road** – Health Director, Karen Walega told the Board that Mrs. Butt's daughter will be moving out of the mobile home. There are some safety issues at this property. She said she has gotten other offices involved like the Fire Department, Building Department and the Town Attorney, Blair Bailey involved also.
4. **Odor Complaint at Lloyds Market** - Dumpster has bad odor. Chairman, David Souza said that he went out there to check it out and he said that the Owner is doing a lot to get rid of the odor. He is also having it dumped twice a week.
5. **Revision of Proposed Regulation** – The Board reviewed the proposed Regulation for Installers to use Schedule 40 PVC Pipe. The Board approved the revised regulation.

6. **Seasons Corner Market** – Failed System – Health Director, Karen Walega spoke to the Board about the failed system at Seasons Corner Market and told them that they got a new Engineer and they will be making the system larger.

DISCUSSION:

1. **Update on Public Health Excellence Grant – Capacity Assessment**

Health Director, Karen Walega spoke to the Board about the Public Health Excellence Grant and told the Board that Rochester is signed up for it and it might take a while to get it. Mass. Department of Public Health is administering it.

2. **Online Permitting** – Health Director, Karen Walega told the Board about online permitting that will be up and running soon. Karen asked Lori Walsh to explain about online permitting and how it works. Ms. Walsh said that it works with all departments that are involved in the permitting process. They each will receive an email that they have a permit to sign off on. As each department signs off on their part, the other departments will see who is signed off and who is not. It is a great system to use with the other departments.

3. **Online Bill Pay with Unipay** – Health Director, Karen Walega told the board that we now have online bill pay and it is up and running now.

4. **Country Fair Update / 1 day only event** – There will be only one vendor there and it is Captain Bonney's.

5. **Discuss Grade and Step increase for Administrative Assistant**

Health Director, Karen Walega told the Board that she would like to do a grade and step increase for the Administrative Assistant. She would like to also go up on the budget for next year. She said that they need to go up on the line items like Mileage, Medical Expenses, and Revolving Flu Account. She told the Board that they won't be using the computer program COLOR this year it will be done on paper instead. She said that we also lost vaccine from a power outage and we have not been reimbursed as of yet.

6. **PFAS updated notice to those that participated in the testing program.**

Health Director, Karen Walega told the Board that they are updating their notice for those who participated in the program.

7. **Mass Drought Declaration – Risk of Wildland Fires Increase as drought persists – discussion about wells & recommendations if any.**

Health Director, Karen Walega talked to the Board about the drought declaration. She said that Private Well Owners should be concerned about how much water they use with the drought going on. The Board suggested that they put a message on the Electric sign about the drought and wells.

8. **West Nile Virus – EEE Surveillance Summary**

Health Director, Karen Walega told the Board that there is currently three cases of West Nile Virus in Suffolk County. Also, in Middleboro and Marion there have been mosquito's that have tested positive for West Nile Virus.

9. **Fee for Country Fair Permit**

There is only one vendor this year and it is Captain Bonney's.

10. Health Director, Karen Walega updated the Board on the check that should be coming in for Trailside Estates, for Field Engineering, Kenny Motta.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn at 4:38 P.M.

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

Date: November 16, 2022


William David Souza, Chairman


Lori Walsh, Board Administrator