

MEETING MINUTES OF THE DOVER BOARD OF HEALTH - February 6, 2023

Held remotely via zoom - meeting recorded

Present:

Kay Petersen, Chair; Stephen Kruskall, John Quackenbush, Members; Jason Belmonte, Health Agent; Michael Angieri, Consultant; Felix Zemel, Consultant; Karen Hayett

1. Meeting called to order 6:31 pm
2. Kay requested that two items be added to the meeting agenda:
 - MHOA Conference
 - Regina Villa - Shared Services
3. Jason reported that he had attended a full day MHOA seminar in Taunton regarding upcoming changes to the state housing code. He noted that the code had not been updated for more than twenty years. A general overview of pertinent information was provided along with specifics on mold and alternative housing. Jason mentioned that the presenter emphasized that when doing a housing inspection, the Health Agent is only assessing those issues and concerns related to health regulation compliance.
4. Town House Ventilation
Jason informed the Board that he had reviewed the Air Quality Assessment report of October, 2020 and that he had also spoken with the Building Maintenance Superintendent regarding the report's recommendations. Jason learned that there are currently four purifiers with HEPA filters running throughout the Town House. Each purifier has the capacity to ventilate 2000 square feet. Filters are replaced annually. Jason was told that currently there were a number of purifiers not in use.

The Board recommended that Jason request that all available purifiers be used. The Board discussed the possibility of hiring another consulting firm or mechanical engineer to investigate possible upgrades for ventilation. Steve noted that the purifiers should continue operating overnight in order to maximize the effectiveness of filtering the air.
5. Kay announced that the next meeting of the Board of Health will be held on March 13 due to the Town Caucus taking place on March 6.
6. John made a motion seconded by Steve to approve meeting minutes of January 9, 2023 as written. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Wells:
 - Felix reported that a permit application has been filed for a geothermal well. Felix expressed his belief that changes were made to the well regulations by the Board concerning geothermal wells approximately two years ago. He noted that

the changes might not have been updated. He concluded that meant that geothermal well installations were only required to follow state guidelines. Felix suggested past meeting minutes be reviewed in order to find the well regulation changes and have the regulations updated as required by law.

- 1 Pegan Lane - Felix mentioned that there is a shallow well in the basement that serves the house. There is a second well for irrigation that is tied to the house. He spoke with potential buyers of the property and suggested that they abandon the basement well and remove the transfer switch from the irrigation well. Then the water supply would be in compliance.
8. After a brief discussion on the challenges of maintaining an up to date list of water testing labs, it was decided that the Board of Health Office would no longer provide such a list to residents. Residents will be told that they are free to use any state certified laboratory for well water testing. Jason will place a link to the MassDEP on the website.
 9. Jason conducted food inspections at the following establishments: American Legion, Dunkin, Powisset Farm, Dover Deli. He found that none of the establishments had any priority level issues.
 10. Septic Systems:
 - 1 Perry Lane - Jason reported that revised septic system plans have not yet been submitted but are expected.
 - 2 Mill Street - A letter regarding the recording of an altered covenant will be sent to the property owner.
 11. Jason and Kay attended a meeting of the Village Center Visioning Project. Jason reported that the discussion centered around possibly expanding the number and types of businesses that could be established in Dover in the future.
 12. There was a discussion regarding possible changes to the tobacco regulations and/or limiting the number of licenses. Steve indicated his desire to leave the regulations untouched for the time being and not cap the number of licenses. He expressed concern that limiting the number of tobacco licenses now might preclude a business from coming to town in the future, should that business want a tobacco license.

John agreed with leaving the regulations as they are but capping the number of tobacco licenses. John made a motion seconded by Kay to hold a hearing regarding limiting the number of licenses for tobacco and nicotine replacement products to the current two. Roll call vote: Kay Petersen - aye; John Quackenbush - aye; Stephen Kruskall - no. The motion passed.
 13. Defibrillators - Jason reported to the Board that he received a quote for \$10,000 from Life Support Systems for 4 AEDs priced at \$7500 and training at an additional \$2500.

The plan is to place one AED in each of the following town buildings: Town House, Library, Transfer Station, and Town Garage.

14. Kay stated that there is a question as to whether the Board of Health or the Board of Selectmen has jurisdiction over the Water Resources (Study) Committee. It was noted that the committee has not met in more than a year.

John made a motion seconded by Kay to dissolve the WRSC should it be found that the Board has the authority to do so. Roll call vote: Kay Petersen - aye; John Quackenbush - aye; Stephen Kruskall - abstain. The motion passed.

15. Enforcement procedures - Jason asked for input from Board members as to how they wanted him to proceed when residents are not responsive to enforcement letters.

16. Rabies Clinic - Jason has reached out to a few local veterinarians about providing services for the rabies clinic. Jason will broaden his search.

17. Litigation on mask mandates - Jason spoke with Town Counsel and was informed that the mask mandate litigation had been successfully concluded at Superior Court.

18. John made a motion seconded by Kay to dissolve the Tick Borne Disease Committee and subsume its responsibilities under the Board of Health. Kay Petersen - aye, John Quackenbush - aye, Steve Kruskall - aye. The motion was approved unanimously.

19. Regina Villa - Shared Services

The consulting firm of Regina Villa has sent out an email request to members of the Board and office staff for individual interviews regarding needs assessment. Jason suggested that he be the spokesperson for the Department and the Board. The Board agreed. Jason will set up the interview.

20. At 8:58 pm it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting:

Draft Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023