

Town of Natick

Board of Health

February 6, 2023 via ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Karla H. Sangrey, PE, Chair; Peter A. Delli Colli, DMD, Vice Chair; Donald J. Breda, PE, Clerk

Also Present: Michael K. Boudreau, MPA, RS/REHS, Director of Public Health

Absent: none

Call to Order: Chair Sangrey called the meeting to order via roll call, all members present

Update: Fluoride supply for Town of Natick water system

Mr. William Spratt, Executive Director of the Department of Public Works and Facilities joined the meeting to inform the Board of updates since the last meeting and he made the following points:

- Additional fluoride pallets have been received increasing the available inventory to six (6) pallets.
- This inventory should be sufficient to begin the process to resume putting fluoride back into the water supply
- The process involves preparation of the necessary equipment and notifications
- The Select Board wants direct mail notification to all residents prior to adding the fluoride
- Anticipate town wide communication and equipment preparation will have fluoride back into the water no later than April 1, 2023.

There was a discussion regarding the necessity of prior notifications and the possibility of getting it done sooner.

- All agree that sooner is better for everyone's health
- Time is needed to accomplish the communication; the equipment can be ready in about one week
- As the Water Commission for the town, the Select Board is the Board to set the communication
- The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) does not require any notification

Mr. Spratt understands the position of both Boards and will continue his communication with both while continuing the process to have it done as soon as is possible. The Board of Health will assist as necessary.

The Board thanked Mr. Spratt for all his work and for his communication with the Board of Health.

Citizens' Concerns: none presented

Discussion and Decision: January 10, 2023 meeting minutes

The draft minutes were reviewed and discussed.

Dr. Delli Colli made a motion to accept the January 10, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Breda seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Discussion and Decision: Annual Tobacco Vendor License Fee

Mr. Boudreau reviewed the fee history and told the Board there are seventeen (17) tobacco vendor licenses and that includes one (1) over 21 smoke shop.

The Board briefly discussed the status of tobacco vendors and whether or not the fee structure is sufficient.

Mr. Breda made a motion to keep the annual tobacco vendor fee at \$200.00.

Ms. Sangrey seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Update: COVID-19, Influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) update(s):

Mr. Boudreau said there has been a decrease in cases of COVID-19, Influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and the other respiratory issues, such as the common cold in the Town.

Reminder that the current data is always available on the MWRA and the MADPH websites, both of which can also be found on the Natick Health Department webpage.

President Biden announced the national Public Health Emergency declaration will end as of May 11, 2023. It has been effect since 2020. Anticipate more information on how the emergency programs that have been in place will be affected. Some examples include: SNAP benefits, free COVID-19 test kits and vaccine availability.

Mr. Breda suggested regular messages to encourage people to get the vaccine.

Discussion and Decision: Variance Request to below ground swim pool fence height at 10 Kylie Lane
Cara and Brett Lousararian

Mr. Boudreau said Natick Board of Health Regulation Chapter 14A, Rules and Regulations for Residential Swimming Pools, requires a pool enclosure of five (5) feet. That regulation went into effect in 1998. Any enclosures of less than five feet (5) built prior to 1998 must come into compliance with the current regulation if any repair or upgrade is done.

Mr. Boudreau told the Board that Jessica Cliff, Senior Environmental Health Agent, conducted a residential pool construction site inspection on January 27, 2023. The site inspection revealed the proposed pool meets all the minimum setbacks as required by Natick Board of Health Regulation Chapter 14A regarding residential swimming pools. However, the applicant does not currently meet the minimum requirements of the regulation for the pool enclosure. The property currently has an existing four (4) foot fence in one area, a six (6) foot section of fence in another area and another section will have a five (5) foot fence installed.

Ms. Lousararian said she is requesting the enclosure height variance because her pool will have an automatic pool safety cover.

She went on to describe the benefits and details of how the cover works as well as additional safety measures such as a pool alarm and a camera to provide alerts for motion and sound she intends to install. Ms. Lousararian provided the specification sheet for the proposed cover and reviewed her slide presentation for the Board.

There was a discussion about the specifics of this request and the timing of a decision. Also discussed was the Natick Board of Health regulation as compared to other local towns. The enclosure height minimums vary per town.

The board thanked Ms. Lousararian for her presentation.

Dr. Delli Colli made a motion to table a decision until a future meeting.

Ms. Sangrey seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Update(s): Livestock Application at 54 Rockland St.

In response to a complaint of a rooster, Jessica Cliff, Senior Environmental Health Agent, made a visit to the property and spoke to the resident. The rooster has been relocated and the resident has submitted an application to keep seven (7) chickens. Currently the chickens are living in the basement of the house. The applicant has been given 30 days to meet the minimum requirements stated in the Natick Board of Health Regulations, Chapter 6 including written permission from the property owner.

Health Department Update(s):

As part of the outreach in enacting the new Biological Safety Regulation, Mr. Boudreau has started visiting some of the bio labs locations. He invited any questions or concerns. Research for the review and permitting fee structure is underway.

Introduction of new Sanitarian, Christopher Craig who started work on February 1, 2023. He is a welcome addition to the department and training is underway.

The department is entering the 'on-line' paperless town wide permitting process. This is being done incrementally at this time to be sure everything goes smoothly for the residents and businesses. Part of this process will also enable us to accept credit card payments.

At the Boards pleasure, there are some regulations that could use updating.

Board Member Update(s): none at this time

Next Meeting(s): The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023

Adjourn: Mr. Breda made a motion to adjourn Ms. Sangrey seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Respectfully submitted,



Donald J. Breda, PE, Clerk

Documents at this meeting:

Draft meeting minutes 01-10-2023

<https://www.mass.gov/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

<https://www.mwra.com/biobot/biobotdata.htm>

10 Kylie Lane:

Application documents

Memo J. Cliff

Applicant correspondence

Applicant presentation