

¹Seekonk Board of Health

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2023

Call to order 7:02pm

Meeting of the Seekonk Board of Health was held at Seekonk Town Hall, Board of Health Office 100 Peck Street, Seekonk, MA 02771 on August 30, 2023

Attendees Included:

- Stephanie Souza MSN
- Victoria Kinniburgh RN
- Scott Smith
- Brian Darling Health Agent

Absent:

- None

Pledge of Allegiance

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Home Rule Charter states a chairman, vice chairman and a clerk and other necessary officers annually.

Motion By: Ms. Stephanie Souza MSN for Scott Smith to be the clerk for the Board of Health.

Second: By: Ms. Kinniburgh RN.

In Favor: Stephanie Souza MSN, Victoria Kinniburgh RN and Scott Smith

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion By: Ms. Stephanie Souza MSN for Victoria Kinniburgh RN to be the Vice Chairwoman for the Board of Health.

Second: By: Mr. Scott Smith

In Favor: Stephanie Souza MSN, Victoria Kinniburgh RN And Scott Smith

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

¹ *Approved at the Board of Health meeting of October 4, 2023.*

Motion By: Victoria Kinniburgh RN for Stephanie Souza MSN to remain as Chairman.
Second: By: Mr. Scott Smith
In Favor: Stephanie Souza MSN, Victoria Kinniburgh RN And Scott Smith
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

Consent Calendar

Approval of the minutes of March 29, 2023.

Motion By: Ms. Stephanie Souza MSN to approve the minutes of March 29, 2023.
Second: By: Ms. Kinniburgh RN
In Favor: Stephanie Souza MSN, Victoria Kinniburgh RN And Scott Smith
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

New Business

Discussion and any other action regarding trash haulers and violations of the Seekonk Board of Health Dumpster Regulation 9.0.0 emptying of the containers prior to 7AM.

9.2.2

The emptying of the dumpster contents by the contractor shall not commence before 7am and not continue after 10pm for residential and 11pm for commercial.

Mr. Darling informed the Board we have been receiving multiple complaints regarding early pickup. The complaints were coming from the residents. We have sent a letter to all trash haulers regarding the Board of Health regulations and the times of pickup. Mr. Darling did go to one of the areas at 4:00am to see which company has been violating our regulations. We have spoken with them and they have responded regarding this issue.

Ms. Karen Fazio stated the one that was correct was MEGA and it was our office at the other end of town, which has been corrected. We have had an ongoing issue at our residence, in 2015 we killed about 23 rats, we have had issues with the smell of the trash. The issue right now the dumpster is 8 feet from our fence. We have spoken with the owner and there is no resolution, he has never seen any rodents.

The Board would like to have the Health Agent confirm the dumpster is less than the 15 feet and send a letter to the owner regarding the distance to the property line for the container and must be removed by 7 days.

Discussion and any other action regarding the Site Plan for a change of use with no new construction at 10 Highland Ave – First Acura

Due to the Planning Board by August 20, 2023

The Board of Health has no comment for this property.

Discussion and any other action regarding the Site Plan review for construction of proposed 7,900 sf building for a Fire Station at 69 School St.

Due to the Planning Board by August 20, 2023

The Board of Health will have to go back out to complete one percolation testing and one deep hole observation. The plan is approved pending the results of the testing.

Other Business

Discuss other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours before the meeting

None at this time.

Denied Septic Plans by Health Agent

Health Agent Report

Brian is working on the Annual report.

Board Correspondence and Comments

Community Speaks

There are no comments from the community at this time.

Adjournment

7:29pm

Motion By: Ms. Stephanie Souza MSN to adjourn

Second: By: Mr. Scott Smith

In Favor: Stephanie Souza MSN, Victoria Kinniburgh RN and Scott Smith

Opposed: None

Abstained:

Prepared by:

Denise C. Curzake, Senior Secretary

Items Distributed to the Board for the January 25, 2023 meeting:

- Draft Minutes of March 29, 2023
- Letter to Waste Connections regarding violation of the BOH regulation 9.0.0 §9.2.2 and 9.5.4
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- Copy of the BOH regulations 9.0.0
- Letter From MEGA regarding the violation
- Letter to Seekonk Housing Authority regarding incorrect payment
- Emails to trash and septic haulers regarding vehicle inspections
- Email for Earl Queenan regarding Recreations camps

- Copies of the signed nomination of animal inspectors – Andrea Russo – Jessica Blake – Natalie Hayward
- Letter from TEC Associates regarding Providence & Worcester Railroad – 2023 Vegetation Control Program
- Letter from DEP regarding the Seekonk Water District Lead & Cooper Plan Sampling Plan Approval
- Letter from Executive Office of Health and Human Services – A letter of Gratitude and Appreciation
- Letter from Department of Environmental Protection regarding Massachusetts Electric Company Notice of Responsibility – 146 Pond St
- Letter from Department of Environmental Protection regarding Draft Groundwater Discharge Permit # 923-IM, Greenbrier Condominiums
- Letter from TEC Associates regarding Massachusetts Coastal Railroad (MCRR) 2023 Vegetation Control Program
- Letter from Department of Agricultural Resources – Certificates for the Animal Inspectors
- Letter to School of Rock regard overpayment for a dumpster permit
- Summons in a Civil Action – International Paving Corp., Et Al
- Violation Notices Failed Title 5 – 136 Marnoch Drive – 53 Colleen Drive – 175 Bradley – 585 Newman – 27 Haig Ave – 79 Ipswich St – 30 Marlaine Dr – 32 Hawthorne Dr - 86 Bishop Ave
- Complaint regarding Motel 6
- Letter from ATLAS – Public notification – Temporary Solution status report Tier Classification Extension – 1035 Newman Ave
- Violation letter regarding 1338 Fall River Ave – Chapter II
- Seekonk Water District Consumer Confidence Report Certification
- Letter to Motel 6 regarding the need for a food establishment license
- Memorandum to trash haulers regarding hours of operation
- Letter for Department of Revenue regarding the suspension of electronic delivery systems retailer's license
- Letter from Coneco Engineers & Scientists – Public Involvement of Notification – Release Notifications – o Pond St
- Letter to 32 King Philp Rd regarding a concern with the decommissioned septic tank on the property
- Subpoena Duces Tecum for the Health Agent – 56 + 77 Blacksmith Rd.
- Arbovirus Surveillance Program Report – June through August
- Letter – 185 Taunton Ave – Dumpster renewal
- Letters regarding payment due for dumpster permits and good standings
- Monthly Reports March through July
- Letter from Massachusetts Health Officers Association regarding violation(s) of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act – 757 Fall River Ave
- Letter to Seekonk Teamworks LLC regarding double payment of a recreational camp