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TOWN OF NORTON

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Board of Health

70 East Main Street Norton, MA 02766



The Norton Board of Health held a meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:00PM. The following members were present: Diane Battistello, Vice Chair, Robert B. Medeiros, Clerk, Christian Zahner, Health Agent, Margaret A. Tavares, Administrative Secretary

Guest: None

Call to order: Ms. Battistello, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

A Motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to acceptance the minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting, Ms. Battistello 2nd.
Vote 2-0 approved

Plan Review - None

Open session Topic not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advanced. – None

Old Business – 32 N Worcester St updated, home is condemned till bathroom is completed, house is cleaned and room with roof cave-in safely repaired. The owner has permission to enter the home to do repairs and lets Health Agent know when they go in and when they leave. Health Agent will be doing an inspection to check the status of repairs and clean up.

New Business:

Health Agent gave an update that NE Ice Cream has done thus far along with their plan on phase II on all the sound improvements and barriers made to alleviate some of the noise caused by refrigeration units and trucks. (Letter from Attorney's attached.) Norton Mobile Estates is not satisfied and feel there are still violations there. After discussion, the Board feels that the Norton Mobile Estates and NE Ice Cream should work together to settle their differences.

71 Richardson Ave, Health Agent got a call from police department for an unwitnessed death. Police found a deceased women and an elderly man, sight impaired and confused, whom they transported to the hospital. Health Agent could only look from door, but found that it was not safe, until it is cleaned and decluttered to be able to move around safely. The owner's niece is handling clean up.

Plastic bags, was brought up at our last meeting, and the Board continued a discussion on banning plastic bags. The Board feels this should go to the selectboard for opinion. If Select Board agrees, the Board of Health will hold a public hearing for input.

Water Fluorination in Town. Ms. Battistello, Vice Chair, read a letter she received on January 25, 2023 from the Town of Norton Water & Sewer Department in response to her 12/6/22 email she sent to Steven Bernstein, answering questions she had about fluoride in water such as, chemicals, price and the effects of fluoride. (See attached letter). After reading the letter, Ms. Battistello and Mr. Medeiros feel that fluoride is not needed in the town's water supply.

It's been almost a year since we have had a public health nurse, we have had the position posted and have not had any applicants. The Norton Fire Department will be taken over about 75% of the Public Health Nurse Position and will be paid out of the Nurse's salary. This includes Council of Aging Blood Pressure Checks, Cholesterol and Blood Sugar checks as well as flu clinics with Town Hall and Norton Public School. They will also do home visits,

when needed for the homebound.

The Health Agent will take over the Emergency Preparedness portion of the Public Health Nurse position. This equates to approximately 25% of the Nurse's job description.

After discussion, Mr. Medeiros motioned that The Health Agent is now the emergency preparedness coordinator for the Town of Norton and should be compensated 25% of the Public Health Nurse's salary for taken over the additional responsibility.

Ms. Battistello 2nd

Vote 2-0 approved

Private Well model regulation from State of Massachusetts. The Health Agent feels we should adopt the state's new regulations on private wells. (attached). This govern frequency of when wells should be tested and also adding PFAS to the list of contaminants to be tested for. The Board will review the regulations and discuss at later date.

Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday 5/13/23, 9am-Noon in the Highway Department Parking Lot

Vigil for Opioid Awareness is scheduled for 9/21/23, 6-7PM at the Yelle School (tentative location)

Bills signed by Health Agent:

Commonwealth of Mass, Constable, 32 N Worcester St	\$37.25
WB Mason, Office Supplies	\$64.06
MHOA, Assistant Health Agent seminar	\$45.00
Jigar Patel, reimbursement for food application	\$175.00
CEC, Landfill Monitoring	\$1900.00
Margaret A. Tavares, reimbursement notary seal	\$39.90
MEHA, Title 5 Seminar	\$95.00
WB Mason, Office Supplies	\$375.35

Reviewed Health Agent Monthly report for December 2022, January and February 2023

Reviewed Assistant Health Agent Monthly report for December 2022, January and February 2023

Animal control Officer Monthly Report for December 2022, January and February 2023

Next Meeting, TBD

Ms. Battistello made motion to adjourn, Mr. Medeiros 2nd

Vote 2-0 approved

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

List of Documents & Other Exhibits used at meeting:

Letter to Attorney NE Ice Cream

Letter from Water Commission regarding Fluoride

Private Well Model from State of Massachusetts

Health Agent Monthly Report for December, 2022, January and February 2023

Assistant Health Agent Monthly Report for December, 2022, January and February 2023

Animal Control Officer Monthly Report for December, 2022, January and February 2023



Town of Norton

Board of Health Minutes Acceptance

Town Clerk Date/ Time Stamp

NORTON TOWN CLERK

2023 JUN -6 PM 12:01

Board of Health Meeting

BOARD / COMMITTEE

June 5, 2023

DATE

5:00 p.m.

TIME

Acceptance of Minutes Date 3/6/23

MEETING MINUTES

William C. Hebard - Chairman

Diane Battistello Vice - Chairman

Robert B. Medeiros - Clerk