



Town of Danvers Board of Health

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Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023

All members of the Board were in attendance and staff members Judith Ryan, Public Health Nurse; Frank Giacalone, Director of Public Health and Alicia Linehan, Clerk.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- 1.1 Notice of the meeting as posted by the Town Clerk.
- 1.2 Minutes from February 2, 2023, were approved as written.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 The Board signed the tobacco regulations that were adopted on February 2, 2023 for submission to the Department of Environment Protection.

2.2 Danvers BOH Regulation Review

2.2.1 Massage Therapy Review

Because massage establishments are permitted and regulated by the State, this should be removed from the local regulations.

2.2.2 Body Art update/Discussion/Model Regulation

The Public Health Excellence Group along with the body art establishments have been updating the current regulations to coincide with all the surrounding North Shore cities/towns.

Giacalone distributed Regulations with a comparison of the current and proposed changes for the Board to review.

2.2.3 R.S. Plan Review submission requirement

The current regulations require an outside Registered Sanitarian to complete the plan review application for a new or remodeled establishment. But because Giacalone and Livingstone are both Registered Sanitarians, this fee could bring revenue to the Town, a fee that would need to be added to the permitting fee schedule.

2.2.4 Dumpster Permit

Dumpster permits are issued through the Public Health Department in the regulations.

2.3 Fee Schedule



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The Public Health permitting fees need to be increased. Giacalone did get a comparison of fees from Beverly, Peabody, and other comparable cities/towns to Danvers.

Breanna provided the Board with a status of her current responsibilities. She is making sure all the establishments are permitted and required documentation is submitted. She is organizing inspections between Lauren Roche and Dennis Palazzo. Also making sure that all establishments have a third party licensed septage hauler to regularly maintain their grease traps.

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Infectious Diseases

Norovirus – 1 confirmed case

Hepatitis C – 1 confirmed case, 1 probable case

Influenza – 1 case

Lyme Disease – 4 cases

Coronavirus – 110 cases, seeing a decrease in cases. There has been a spike in long term care facilities.

Nurse Ryan's community involvement:

Participated in TB testing for Haitian immigrant families being housed at Salem State University.

Conducting education sessions with YMCA for blood pressure screening, heart health and bite labs for the children, an educational training on mosquitos and ticks.

A town wide Diaper Drive will be held April 3rd – April 28th. Boxes will be placed at Town Hall, Library, Senior Center, YMCA and the schools. Twelve communities will participate in this drive. A press release & flyer will be prepared, placed on social media and local newspaper.

North Shore Mother Visits are scheduled for May. Seven communities are involved. A lot of training is involved for those participating in the visits. Each community will obtain a birth certificate for the newborn, send them out to the parent(s), and tell them that they are eligible for a one-time visit. At the visit they will receive a screening of the baby, mother and father; resource information will be provided; a hands-on CPR course conducted; discuss postpartum depression and substance abuse. These visits can be scheduled up to the time the child is a year old.

Planning a volunteer appreciation for the medical reserve corp who helped make the Covid Clinics successful. Working with Essex Tech on the venue, and there may be funding available through Salem.

There are 5,000 Covid test kits available for distribution.



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The sunscreen dispensers, received through the Impact Melanoma Grant, will be installed again this April on Town property. This year the containers will contain sunscreen with chemicals, rather than all-natural, making it easier to apply to the skin. There may also be an opportunity to provide tents and umbrellas with the grant through DPW and Recreation.

Conducting regional Narcan trainings, rather than just locally.

Will be participating in multiple trainings, such as risk management.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Aaron Henry has scheduled monthly code enforcement meetings between Public Health, Code, Planning, and Zoning. These are very helpful since most paths cross between these departments.

Conant Street property has been cleaned up after son who inherited the property sold to a neighbor.

Public Health is working with Glen Magna on becoming compliant with cooking and serving food at events. Currently all food is cooked outside on the grass under a tent because they are not allowed to cook inside due to the age of the building. There are also no handicap accessible bathrooms available to event attendees. Public Health suggested installing pavers for the cooking appliances and adding outdoor handicap accessible bathrooms. Glen Magna's solution is to bring in a trailer that contains a full kitchen for cooking. Assembling and serving the food will be done under the tent. They will be required to apply for a food permit through the Public Health Department.

The new Town website was launched last month. Public Health Department's page is sparse, but both Livingstone and Linehan will work on updating it.

5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The opioid funding will be going into second settlement that involves CVS, Walmart, and WALGREEN TEVA. Giacalone attended a webinar that stated the money must be appropriated by town meeting. This will be presented at the May 15th Town Meeting. The money can only be drawn from a Free Cash Enterprise Account and can't be appropriated directly from the Opioid Settlement Funding. And any money left over will be allowed to be placed into the Free Cash Enterprise Account to be used within a year.

6. GENERAL BOARED OF HEALTH DISCUSSION

Linda Leonard and Bob Gamer attended the meeting asking that the Board find a resolution for banning the use of polystyrene.



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The Board does not have the authority to ban this product. It was suggested by the Board that Leonard and Gamer contact Town Counsel to weigh in on this. The Board can only make a recommendation, but to make the change to the Bylaw, it must go to Town Meeting.

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Frank Giacalone

Director of Public Health