



STONEHAM
Board of Health - Health Department
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John Scullin -Chairperson
Dr. Teresa M. Dean, RN, DNP, MS – Co-Chairperson
Carol O’Loughlin – Secretary

Anthony Chui, Health Director

Minutes
Board of Health
December 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Attendees: Chairperson John Scullin called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance, Co-Chairperson Dr. Terry Dean, Secretary Carol O’Loughlin, Health Director Anthony Chui, Health Inspector Thomas Bilbilian. Also in attendance, Regional Tobacco Coordinator Maureen Buzby and Administrative Assistant Denise Breen.

First Topic on Discussion: Anthony Chui introduces Rebecca Lewis who will be our new Grant Coordinator for the Drug Free Community’s Grant. We have had this grant for six years. Rebecca is looking forward to working with the schools and police to bring a Primary Prevention Lens to some of the prevention and coalition work that has been going on. Also, Deana Wu is another new addition as our Public Health Excellence Coordinator. This is a six-town grant that we have had for two years. This grant focuses on Environmental Health looking to expand in epidemiology; bringing an epidemiologist on board whom will assist in communicable diseases and Maven along with integrating health equality. Next on topic, ten migrant families that arrived at Logan Airport and were dropped off at the Sheraton in Wakefield. With the help of our three towns: Stoneham, Wakefield and Melrose these families were able to receive food, basic hygiene products and clothing. Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, Tufts Medicine and Trinity Church in Melrose were all a great help in this process. A job well done from all. These families have moved along to the Quincy Family Welcome Home Center in hopes of assistance in transitioning to the workforce and so on. Lastly, we have a possible hire for the Public Health Nurse Position; her name is Heidi Gergostergios and she has been interning in Melrose for three months. Heidi is a Doctor in Nursing Candidate and her rotation is in Public Health.

Next, the Board goes into Executive Session.



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Chapter 30A Section 21A-1
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Motion made and seconded to go into Executive Session Chapter 30A Section 21A-1

Topic on Discussion: John Scullin addresses the Board regarding what transpired with Peg Drummey and how she was let go from her position prior to her official retirement date. At a prior meeting, it was accepted that Peg would continue to perform her home visits (Flu /B12) before retirement. Unfortunately, once Peg was let go she continued to make those home visits. The Board was not aware of this issue and that this went directly to the Town Administrator and Town Counsel and not the Board. Chairperson Scullin does not understand why at that previous meeting there was no objection to home visits. The Board agrees that if there was more communication amongst one another, this would not have happened. Chairperson Scullin stressed the point that after all Peg’s years of service and dedication to the Town, this should not have ended in this manner and she is the one who deserves an apology.

Motion made and seconded to go out of Executive Session and return to Board of Health Meeting.

Health Inspector's Report (See Attached)

- **Food**
- **Housing**
- **Other**

Motion made and seconded to accept Health Inspector's Report for December 19, 2023

Animal Control Monthly Report for November 21-December 19, 2023 (see attached)

Motion made and seconded to accept Animal Control Monthly Report for November-December.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:38pm

Next meeting will be a Regional Meeting in Melrose on January 17, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Sannella

Administrative Assistant

BOARD MEETING 12/19/2023

FOOD:

- Fusion record # priority violations (6 priorities, 3 repeats, 3 inspections).
- Captain Loui & Royal Roast Beef (4 priorities, due for re-inspection).
- Rang Indian (5 priorities, 2 repeats)
- Andrea's & Jersey Mike's repeats.
- Charlie's opening.
- Gabrielle's Kitchen opening (#6).

HOUSING:

- 11 Fuller Street demo.
- 3 no heat complaints.
- Redstone CVS dumpster & rat burrows.
- 35 Calthea Street follow-up.
- 125 Main Street & 58 Montvale compliance.

OTHER:

- LA Fitness Pool Inspection.

Animal Control Monthly Report
For November 21-December 19 2023

- I received approximately 15 voicemails regarding lost or stray pets and barking dogs to follow up on.
- I received numerous calls from multiple residents for 33 Washington Ave for barking dogs, the homeowner has 4 German shepherds, I notified housing as this is a violation of their policy. This is an ongoing issue, I am sending the homeowner a certified letter to license the dogs.
- I received a call from Great Road Vet in Bedford, regarding a quarantine, contacted the Vet in Stoneham to determine the dogs vaccination status.
- I responded to multiple reports of stray and barking dogs
- Routinely checked/patrolled Town property (Schools, parks, etc.) for By-Law violations regarding dogs
- Received calls for rabid skunk and rabid raccoon, which were captured and euthanized