

TOWN OF MILTON
MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
May 22, 2023
7 p.m.
Remote via Zoom

Attending:

Roxanne Musto, RN-C, MS, ANP, Chair
Laura T. Richards, Esq., Secretary
Caroline Kinsella, BSN, RN, RS, Health Director, Public Health Nurse
Jean M. Peterson, Senior Administrative Clerk

*Mary F. Stenson was absent from the meeting.

1. Administrative Tasks:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. There were no residents for Citizen Speak. The following documents were included in the Board members' packets: Agenda, Minutes from March 13th and April 27th 2023. Literature: Opioid Settlement Funds- Milton Needs and Solutions, BOH Year End Forecasting, Reports from the Health Director Caroline Kinsella and Community Social Worker Anne Grossman, letter from Attorney Marion McEtrick re: 153 Hillside Street.

The Board approved the Minutes from March 13, 2023 and April 27, 2023.

2. 153 Hillside Street application variance discussion with Attorney Marion McEtrick:

Attorney Marion McEtrick explained the need for a septic variance at 153 Hillside Street. She stated that the land is on a private way. Due to surrounding wetlands and wildlife issues, the only portion of land that meets the criteria for installing the septic system is a triangular lot which would require a waiver. She stated that landowners do not use this private way for any other purposes. A Public meeting on this matter will be forthcoming.

3. Community Health Assessment update

The Health Director stated that Laurie Stillman is anxious to complete the Community Health Assessment as she has been working on said project for a year. A Zoom meeting was held with BME Strategies which oversees the Public Health Excellence Grant workforce. Timelines and expectations were discussed with the epidemiologist. A CHA survey will be conducted during the July 15th – August 15th timeline.

4. Discussion of Opioid Settlement monies

The Health Director conducted a meeting with the Milton Coalition co-chairs Margaret Carels and Stormy Leung to research ways about spending the opioid settlement funds of \$75,000 for FY24. Margaret Carels would like to convene a group of residents, with Board approval, to discuss the distribution requirements. She provided a list of potential participants. Board members Musto and Richards stated that they would like to study the list further. The Health Director stated that the settlement money may be rolled over if not spent in FY24. The Board decided to revisit at a later time.

5. Health Department year end forecasting and approval of year end transfer of funds

Due to the staffing vacancies in the Health Department, the Health Director requested that the Board approve the transfer of \$33,840.60 from the salary line to the general expenditure line. The transfer of funds could be used to hire food consultants to possibly assist with the upcoming Farmer's Market, plan reviews and food establishment inspections. Consultants could also assist with soil evaluation tests and pool inspections. The Board approved the transfer of funds.

6. Health Director Report

- The first annual “Light the Way” vigil honoring lives lost to substance disorder was held on April 30th.
- The Health Director and Public Health Nurse attended the MAPHN nursing conference in early May. The Health Director participated in a presentation titled “Leadership Matters: The Future of Public Health Nursing”.
- The Conservation Commission held a site walk of the Lower Gile Field on May 6th. Opponents presented their “Grass for Gile” report to the Conservation Commission. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13th.
- Signs have been posted at Turner’s Pond alerting residents of cyanobacterial bacteria. The State will test the water prior to removing the signage.
- The Health Department has not received many applications for the Assistant Health Director position and the Health Agent position.

Chair Musto inquired about the distancing bylaws for smoking outside of Novara and other Milton food establishments. She stated that there were complaints of customers smoking directly outside of Novara Restaurant.

7. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date was tentatively scheduled for June 29th at 7 p.m. The Health Director will consult with Member Stenson about whether or not that date is convenient for her.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Laura T. Richards
Secretary

