TOWN OF MILTON
MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
December 14, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Remote via Zoom

Attending:
Laura T. Richards, Esq, Chair
Mary F. Stenson, BSN, R.N., Secretary
Roxanne Musto, RN-C, MS, ANP, Member
Anthony Compagnone, M.D., Medical Advisor
Caroline A. Kinsella, BSN, RN, RS, Health Director, Public Health Nurse
Laura DelleChiaie, BS, Health Agent
Jean M. Peterson, Senior Administrative Clerk

1. Administrative Tasks:
The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. The August 31st, October 19th and November 2nd Minutes were approved as amended.

2. Discussion to vote to change the rules and regulations for Body Art establishment
The Board discussed the possibility of revising the body art establishment fee to $850 or more. Member Musto asked about the fees charged by other towns. The Health Director suggested conducting more research into the fees and hours of operation for other towns and suggested revisiting this issue at a future meeting. Member Stenson suggested the elimination of tattoo parlors altogether, stating that they are difficult to monitor and expressing concern about the use of fake identifications. The Board agreed that more research is needed. The Health Director stated that she will instruct the Health Agent to do more research.

3. Health Agent Report
The Health Agent reviewed her November 2020 report with the Board. She noted to the Board that Stephanie McFadden (Cooking in with Stephanie) and new establishment “Revive”, located at 7 Pleasant Street, now have their permits and that El Madre is in the process of occupying the now vacant restaurant space at Wharf Street. Ms. DelleChiaie informed the Board that tobacco and indoor pool inspections will be conducted later.

4. Health Director Report
The Health Director informed the Board about the surging Covid-19 cases in Milton and that four nurses along with the Community Tracing Collaborative have been assisting as well. She stated that there are two more sources of money coming into the Health Department: $2951.00 which will support seasonal flu vaccine stipends for nurses and $6,500 which will help with compensating nurses during the Covid 19 surge. Ms. Kinsella discussed the very organized Covid 19 testing clinics, sponsored by Fallon Ambulance. Testing has been held Sundays during December at the DPW site.
Mrs. Kinsella also explained the Health Department budget which will allow for the hiring of an Assistant Health Director contingent upon Warrant Committee and Personnel Board approval. Deborah Milbauer from the “Partnership for a Health Milton” is doing a business case with her students about why the Health Department needs more assistance. Ms. Kinsella stated that Health Departments are in dire need of funds and discussed the idea of a refrigerator/freezer purchase, possibly of commercial grade. She said that with dry ice, vaccine is good for 30 days. Member Musto asked about the possibility of an increase in the Revolving Fund. More points were discussed and are outlined as follows:

- Increase in Covid 19 cases following Thanksgiving. Milton remains in the yellow zone with 171 cases in past 14 days.
- Town Hall has reduced staff to 40% capacity following seven Covid 19 cases.
- The Select Board asked that an informational Covid 19 flyer be created and included with tax bills.
- MATV created a student video promoting Covid 19 safety. Rory Flynn, Juliana Pires and Nathan Frasier were the participating students.
- Lou Laguerre completed a successful internship with the Health Department
- The MSAPC revised their name to omit the word “abuse”. It will now be known as the “Milton Substance Prevention Coalition”. Phillippe Janvier, a Milton High School graduate has been hired as new youth advocates for change coordinator. He will be working ten hours per week. The MSPC will be receiving $11,000 more in funding from Senator Timilty; an increase to $38,000 from $27,000.

5. **Next Meeting Date:**
Next meeting to be held January 25, 2020 at 7 p.m.

6. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Mary F. Stenson
Secretary