



CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Public Health
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Board & Staff Present:

Dr. Robin Blair, Board Chair
Lina Matta, Board Member
Dr. Max Tilson, Board Member

Laura Vlasuk, Director of Public Health
Julie Esposito, Public Health Nurse
Ronald Beauregard, Tobacco compliance coordinator
Shari Wilkinson, Farmers Market
David Hall, Tannery Owner where Farmers Market is held

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2024

- I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Blair at 6:04 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2023 Meeting. Motion to approve minutes made by Dr. Tilson, seconded by Lina Matta. Motion passes 2-0.
- III. Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2023 Meeting. Motion to approve minutes made by Dr. Blair, seconded by Lina Matta. Motion passes 2-0.
- IV. Shari Wilkinson and David Hall attended the meeting to review the fees for 2024. Shari explained that her next market will start in May 2024 and that applications for that market will be mailed in March of 2024. Vlasuk explained that Health Department permits are going fully on line and will be completely on line before Market permit season. Proposal for Shari to maintain her \$50 administrative fee and shift the \$50 permit fee from Shari to Health ensued, since health will be taking over the permit aspect. Health would maintain the \$100 fee for inspections and Shari would maintain the weekly fee per vendor. Conversation conclude by a discussion of a small increases and review if 2023 expenses request. Motion tabled by Lina Matta and seconded by Max Tilson. Motion tabled passed 3-0.
- V. Review Amendments to Newburyport Tobacco Regulations.
 - Vlasuk presented the update to the Tobacco Regulations. Motion to pass made by Dr. Tilson, seconded by Lina Matta. Motion passes 3-0.
- VI. FOG: Variance Application – Senior Center

- Vlasuk presented a FOG: Variance Application from to the BOH for The Senior Center located at 331 High Street. Motion to pass made by Lina Matta, seconded by Dr. Tilson. Motion passes 3-0.

VII. Director's Report

- We no longer have COVID test available at City Hall. The state is now distributed COVID test to homes and urges everyone to log on and order COVID test, these tests will be delivered directly to homes that have placed a request on the United States Post Office web site.
- Vlasuk conducted a Blood Drive held on Wednesday November 29, 2023 from 12-5pm at the Senior Center with the assistance of the red cross. 33 units were collected which translates to saving up to 99 lives!
- Vlasuk conducted a final inspection of Dunkin 167 State Street, reopened after complete remodel
- Kayla Provencher was interviewed by Newburyport Community Media Hub. For a PSA about Animal Control.
- Vlasuk is currently working on site plan review for the GOAT
- Vlasuk explained the work she has been doing with Amesbury regarding an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for the Public Health Excellence for Shared Services Grant.

Nurses Report January 25, 2024

- Harris held a Flu clinic in November resulting in 41 vaccines
- Harris is no longer with The City her resignation was effective December 27, 2023 unfortunately she was not able to give you a 2 weeks' notice.

Vlasuk Introduced Julie Esposito

- Julie Esposito gave a brief review of her work history. Julie recently come aboard as a part time public health nurse. Julie has worked in healthcare since she graduating high school. First, as a medical billing assistant for a small ambulance company, then a dispatcher and EMT. From there she transitioned to the hospital setting as an emergency room med tech. While in that role she went back to school received her associates from Lawrence Memorial Regis in 2018 and her bachelors in nursing from SNHU in 2020. Since that time, she has been working full time as an ER nurse and for three years has been working as a travel nurse. Her position as a travel nursing has allowed her to work in many ER settings form very small community hospitals to large level 1 trauma centers. Julie is new to public health nursing but I'm excited to work with you all.

VIII. Date for next Meeting, set for February 15, 2024 at 6:00pm

IX. Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Tilson, seconded by Lina Matta. Motion passes 3-0.