



**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting Minutes**

June 9, 2022

Members Present

Barbara Catabia
Kevin Bernardo
Nicole Mello

Staff Present

Todd Pilling
Rosalind Grassie

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This was a public meeting. It was video and audio recorded for Cable Broadcast and Internet posting on www.dighton-ma.gov and You Tube.

Call to Order: Chairman Barbara Catabia called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Committee Business:

Review / Discuss / Act: Recognize Diana Shannon for Her Great Job Contact Tracing

Mrs. Diana Shannon was in attendance.

Board member Nicole Mello thanked Mrs. Shannon on behalf of the Board of Health for all her assistance contract tracing COVID-19 positive residents. Mrs. Shannon did a great job and was a huge help Mrs. Mello continued with on behalf of both the board of health and herself how grateful we all were for Mrs. Shannon's work with the towns contact tracing. Mrs. Shannon's experience and knowledge in the matter left Mrs. Mello at ease that the residents of Dighton were in good care.

Mrs. Shannon explained that she was hired by the Town of Dighton January 2022, near the end of the pandemic. Previously she had worked as a contact tracer for the State. She explained that when she worked for the State, she did not need to do any contact tracing for the Town of Dighton residents until she was hired by the Town. She stated that the local Health Department did such a good job contract tracing for the Town residents that the State did not need to step in to assist. The Health Department staff handled all of the Town's positive cases and their quarantine contacts. She thanked Health Agent Todd Pilling and Office Manager Rosalind Grassie for their dedication to the Town of Dighton and all their hard work.

Board member Kevin Bernardo requested Diana receive a Certificate of Recognition.

1 *[Signature]*

to reschedule. When they tried to reschedule there were no pick up dates available at all for the next year.

Agent Pilling explained that at this time that he and the highway department workers are picking up any pink bags they see along the sides of the road. Residents are allowed to drop the pink bags off at the transfer station with no sticker required.

Board member Kevin Bernardo requested the Town Administrator Mike Mullen write a letter to Simple Recycling, to find out what their intentions are, as we have a contract.

Motion Kevin Bernardo second Nicole Mello and VOTED to ask the Town Administrator to send ta letter to Simple Recycling to find out what are their intentions.

Roll Call (3) Ayes

Kevin Bernardo, Nicole Mello, Barbara Catabia

Review / Discuss / Act: Designation of a Board Member to the Solid Waste Committee

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo seconded Nicole Mello and VOTED to nominate Barbara Catabia as the Board of Health member on the Solid Waste Committee.

Roll Call (3) Ayes

Kevin Bernardo, Nicole Mello, Barbara Catabia

Review / Discuss / Act: Food Permit Fee Waiver Request by the Parent Teacher

Organization (PTO)

Kevin Bernardo recused himself from the discussion.

Health Agent Pilling stated the PTO has a BBQ cookout for the Elementary School students step up day June 15, 2022. They have requested a waiver of the food permit fee.

It was moved by Nicole Mello, Barbara Catabia stepped down to second and VOTED to waive the permit fee for the PTO's cookout for step up day.

Roll Call (2) Ayes

Nicole Mello, Barbara Catabia

Review / Discuss / Act: Assistant Health Agent Backup Job Description

Health Agent Pilling explained that with the new intermunicipal agreement with 5 towns there is potential for support services for the Health Department, experience and qualifications were discussed. It was noted that two (2) residents with public heath experience have expressed an interest in being the assistant Health Agent.

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo, seconded by Nicole Mello and VOTED to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Roll Call (3) Ayes

Kevin Bernardo, Nicole Mello, Barbara Catabia

Inspectors Reports

The Animal Inspector was not in attendance.

Board Member Nicole Mello stepped down as a Board member to report as the Public Health Nurse. Mrs. Mello stated there is a lot of Covid-19 home testing not being reported. Children of Covid-19 positive parents no longer need to quarantine. The weekly meetings with the School Nurses have been discontinued for the summer and they will revisit when school resumes in the fall. Mrs. Mello explained that she is participating in an Opioid study group. She stated the Police Department is also involved and the Fire Department will eventually also be involved. The “sun safety” informational class she is giving will be at Lincoln Village is this month June 14th. Mrs. Mello has been attending meetings on Tuesday for the grant that is being shared with a number of surrounding towns at this time no further information has all are just waiting on funds to be released before going further.

Health Agent Todd Pilling reported that the Health Department office has been very busy scheduling perc tests and conducting plan reviews. We have just finished the extremely busy bulky item pickup week. Mr. Pilling stated that he has ordered Covid-19 testing kits from the State that will be available free for Town residents the beginning of July.

Building Commissioner was not in attendance.

Public Input

None

Correspondence

None

Approval of Minutes

Kevin Bernardo stated the April 14, 2022, minutes need to be revised. He explained that he had recused himself from the discussion of the Poppasquash Food Permit Fee Waiver request.

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo seconded Nicole Mello and VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the meeting minutes of March 10th, April 6th, April 25th, May 4th, May 12th, May 26th, and May 31st

Roll Call (3)

Kevin Bernardo, Nicole Mello, Barbara Catabia

Adjournment

It was moved by Kevin Bernardo seconded Nicole Mello and VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Rosalind Grassie

These minutes reflect a summary of procedure and discussion for this meeting.