

**CITY OF SALEM
BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES**
January 15, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Kirby, Chair, Geraldine Yuhas, Datanis Elias

ABSENT: Dr. Jeremy Schiller, Kerry Murphy

OTHERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Gagakis, Acting Health Agent, Maureen Davis, Clerk of the Board, Beth Gerard, City Council Liaison and a Regis College student observing the meeting

TOPIC

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Call to Order

7:00pm

2. Organization of the Board

G. Yuhas motioned to continue organization of the Board until next month when all members are present. D. Elias 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes
(December 10, 2018) and
(December 17, 2018)

G. Yuhas motioned to approve both of the minutes. D. Elias 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. Chairperson Communications

P. Kirby announced that David Greenbaum has accepted the offer for the Health Agent position. His official first day will be on Monday, February 4th.

P. Kirby, K. Murphy and E. Gagakis will attend the working group meeting on Wednesday, January 16th that the Mayor set up to discuss the potential reorganization into an ISD. Steve Feldmann, owner of Gulu-Gulu Café, Rinus from the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Salem Family Health Center were also invited to the meeting.

5. Discussion - needs for updated regulations this year

Private well regulations

E. Gagakis said wells must be built, pump tested and water tested. A well-drilling contractor recently told her that Salem has more strict requirements than a lot of other cities and towns. She heard most places will adopt the new DEP well regulations.

P. Kirby suggested that E. Gagakis and David Greenbaum compare our well regulations to DEP's.

E. Gagakis reported that the new wells at Intervale Road are all set.

Body art regulations

We will revisit when Suzanne Darmody returns from maternity leave. In the meantime, P. Kirby will reach out to Loki at Salem Ink for input.

Private Trash Haulers

G. Yuhas pointed out that in August the Board agreed to permit private haulers. They must offer recycling services and provide separate bins. They must also let us know where they are dumping the trash.

The fee for the license will be \$100.00. When they get their license, they must be told about mandatory recycling.

G. Yuhas said Julie Rose needs to prove to DEP by June that we are

implementing the permitting.

E. Gagakis will contact the DEP liaison to get a list of private haulers from Danvers so we can get the permitting process started.

The Recycling Dept. will educate the property managers and residents about how to properly recycle.

G. Yuhas spoke about the repair café that Salem Recycles holds a few times a year to promote reuse, repurpose and recycling. There is a grant available for reciprocal service sharing with other communities, like Salem and Beverly do for Household Hazardous Waste.

6. Monthly Reports-Updates

a. Public Health Nurse's Report

Teresa Kirsch, the public health nurse from Beverly, is covering for Suzanne. She turns in weekly time sheets for her work on MAVEN reporting and other coverages.

Copy available at the BOH office.

b. Health Agent's Report

William Jackson Darmody was born on December 11th to Suzanne Darmody and her husband! All are doing well.

The DIG grant is wrapping up and NSSPHS projects are being completed. There is currently a multi-community integrated pest management program in progress.

Copy available at the BOH office.

c. Administrative Report

Copy available at the BOH office.

d. City Council Liaison Updates

B. Gerard reported that plastic bags came up at the Council meeting. The Engineer's Department wanted to be included in those who could give warnings and fines for plastic bag violations. The Council voted, with no problem, that the engineers can enforce as well.

D. Elias motioned to approve the reports. G. Yuhas 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

7. New Business/Scheduling of Future Agenda Items

- Organization of the Board at next meeting
- Welcome David Greenbaum

MEETING ADJOURNED:

G. Yuhas motioned to adjourn. D. Elias 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Davis
Clerk of the Board

*Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00pm
At City Hall Annex, 98 Washington Street, 1st Floor, Salem, MA*