

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
REMOTE ONLY
MINUTES
Wednesday March 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Dr. Dominic Amirtharaj, Kim Netter, Jessica Malenfant

Staff: Abbey Myers, Director of Health, Maureen Foley, Clerk Officer,
In attendance:

CALL TO ORDER: Dominic Amirtharaj called the meeting to order 7:05 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for February 19, 2025
(Amirtharaj, Netter) (2,0)
Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comments

Introduce the new member of the BOH, Ms. Jessica Malenfant

Ms. Malenfant gave a short description of her background. Dr. Amirtharaj spoke about his career and background. Ms. Netter also gave a description of her career and background.

Reorganization of the BOH

Ms. Netter motioned for Dr. Amirtharaj to be Chair of BOH
Dr. Amirtharaj motioned for Ms. Netter to be Vice - Chair of BOH
(Netter, Amirtharaj) (3,0)
Roll Call

Department Updates

1. Sharps event on March 8, 2025 and 60 people attended
2. Provided 3 CPR classes; 2 for WPD, 1 for the public
3. Providing a Rabies clinic on March 22, 2025 in Belmont
4. There was a measles advisory from the state. Massachusetts has a high rate of vaccinations.
5. Body Works Regulations are still being reviewed by the city's attorney.
6. The tobacco inspector has gone to 4 establishments.
7. The influx of Bird Flu has mitigated. The ACO and Chief Environmental Officer have retrieved many dead birds.
8. Food inspections are continuing. Health may have a couple of establishments come before the board.
9. Rodent complaints are exoculating due to the warmer weather. The Dumpster Regulations is helping to deter rodent activity.

10. Combining efforts with IMPACT Melanoma, Health is placing sunscreen dispensers at various parks in the city. DPW is placing and securing these dispensers. Health has infant exposure blanket to be distributed.

Items that could not be anticipated before meeting/future meetings

Ms. Netter stated residents are discussing the safety of black boxes to domestic pets. Ms. Myers responded with Health and our pest control contractor will remove broken boxes. The product in the boxes is TERAD 3 with very low toxicity to birds and other animals. If the box is intact, domestic pets cannot access TERAD 3. If a residence or business has over grown vegetation and is a harborage for rodents, health will issue an Order to Correct. Health may consider rodent birth control in the future.

Dr. Amirtharaj inquired about the status of 25 Beechwood Road. Ms. Myers stated the complaint is ongoing. There were issues with the contractor but that seems to be controlled.

Next Meeting

April 16, 2025

Adjourn:

Adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM

(Amirtharaj, Netter) (3,0)

Roll Call