



CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF HEALTH

July 18, 2018

A meeting of the Lowell Board of Health was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2108 in the Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 01852. Chairwoman Jo-Ann Keegan called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Present:

Jo-Ann Keegan, RN, MSN, Chairperson
John Donovan, DC, Board Member
William Galvin, MD, Board Member
Lisa Golden, RN, MSN, Board Member

7/18/18 MINUTES

1. New Business

1.I. For Acceptance: Minutes Of The June 6, 2018 Meeting Of The Board Of Health. The minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting of the Board of Health were reviewed by the Board.

Motion: To amend item I.VIII paragraph 2, 3rd and 4th sentences to read "The Board requested to receive reports on the process of the program. Ms. Vigroux will give updates to the Board" and to accept the minutes as revised made by William Galvin, seconded by Lisa Golden. All in favor.

1.II. For Review: Tobacco Control Monthly Report Submitted By Cesar Pungirum, Program Director.

Mr. Pungirum discussed the recent Youth Compliance Check inspections. Three establishments failed their compliance check. Two have paid the fine and will be scheduled for a Permit Suspension Hearing at the September 5, 2018 meeting. The third establishment chose to appeal their ticket for allowing entry of a minor to the District Court.

Mr. Pungirum reviewed the monthly report with the Board which was accepted and placed on file.

1.III. For Review: Monthly Development Services Report submitted By Shawn Machado, Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector.

Mr. Shawn Machado, Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector, introduced himself to the Board.

The Board noted again that some establishment inspections are not being conducted in a timely manner. Mr. Machado will address this issue.

Chairwoman Keegan inquired about the pickup of used needles. Mr. Machado informed the Board that the City is working on the issue and he will speak to Mr. Slagle for an update.

The Board had no further questions.

1.IV. Communication: From Mr. Geoffrey Koetsch, Merrimack Valley Sierra Club Team Coordinator. Communication from Mr. Geoffrey Koetsch regarding natural gas pipelines in Massachusetts.

Mr. Geoffrey Koetsch spoke to the Board regarding natural gas pipelines in Massachusetts and his request for a letter of support for Community Health Assessments prior to expansion of any pipelines. Several sample letters from various communities were provided to the Board.

The following members of the Public also spoke in support of the request:

Nancy Greene - Lowell, MA spoke in support and about her concerns about the chemicals in fracked gas coming from Pennsylvania. Board Member William Galvin asked if gas transported by trucks was "cleaner" than gas that piped. Ms. Greene indicated that there is no way to remove the chemicals from fracked gas.

Suzanne Hitchcock-Bryan - Winthrop, MA spoke to the Board about promoting renewable energy sources and that National Grid statistics state 80% of gas is fracked. Ms. Hitchcock-Bryan indicated that the letter is in support of Community Health Assessments prior to any expansion of a gas pipeline and asked the Board to support the letter with the other 70 communities that have already done so. .

Susan Redlich - Cambridge, MA spoke to the Board in support of the Community Health Assessments letter which would support baseline monitoring of new infrastructure using existing conditions as the baseline and other studies would be looked at for risk assessments for potential health risks.

Marc Grant - Chelmsford, MA spoke to the Board regarding supporting the request and letters of support issued by Boston, Worcester, Springfield and other communities.

Motion: To draft a letter to Governor Baker following the one done by Worcester, MA for the September 5, 2018 meeting made by William Galvin, seconded by Lisa Golden. All in favor.

1.V. For Review: Trinity EMS, Inc Reports.
The Board accepted and placed on file.

1.VI. Communications: Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Program.
The Board accepted and placed on file.

2. Old Business

3. Director's Report

3.I. Update: Departmental and Divisional Reports and Updates

Chairwoman Keegan requested a status update on the revised Service Zone Plan for the next meeting.

The Board noted the increase in the number of Year to Date TB and Hepatitis B & C cases.

Motion: For Substance Abuse Coordinator Lainnie Emond to attend the September 5, 2018 meeting to give a progress reports on the various opioid grants activities made by William Galvin, seconded by Lisa Golden. All in favor.

3.II. Motion: To Adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn at 7:08 PM made by William Galvin, seconded by Lisa Golden. All in Favor

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOWELL BOARD OF HEALTH WILL BE HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 AT 6:00 PM IN THE MAYOR'S RECEPTION ROOM.**