



City of Rochester, New Hampshire

Board of Health

MINUTES OF THE ROCHESTER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HELD ON January 10th at 4:30pm

The Chair, Thomas Moon called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. in the Annex conference rooms located at 33 Wakefield St. Rochester, NH.

Roll Call: Silent Roll Call was taken.

Members Present

Thomas Moon- Chair
Toni McLellan-
Dr. Archana Bhargava
Jim Grant
Jackie Fitzpatrick

Members Excused

Also present:

Jessica Chavez, Secretary for Building and Licensing Services
Bob Veno, Health Inspector for Building and Licensing Services
Ian Rohrbacher, Chief Operator for Water Treatment Plant

Kay Wright, Community Development/Grant Coordinator for Economic Development

These minutes are the legal record of the meeting and are in the format of an overview of the Board of Health meeting. It is neither intended nor is it represented that this is a full transcription.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 11th, 2023 meeting and approved unanimously.

New Business:

Mr. Veno introduced Ian Rohrbacher- Chief Operator of the Water Treatment Plant for the City of Rochester. Mr. Rohrbacher shared the history of Rochester's water, and how they are currently testing, documenting, and removing water pipes that were constructed with lead. At the end of the presentation, members had a back-and-forth discussion.

@5:55pm, Mr. Rohrbacher left the meeting.

Mr. Veno shared information he received from City Attorney- Terence O'Rourke who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. O'Rourke advised the board to complete the following steps for the creation of a City Ordinance for Lead Remediation. The Board of Health will need to submit an Agenda Bill to City Council asking for the rules to be adopted as an ordinance and refer to the Codes and Ordinance committee. The rules will then be drafted into ordinance format. If the rules pass Codes and Ordinance committee, it will then be presented to City Council for approval. Board of Health representatives will attend the meetings to answer questions.

Ms. McLellan will email the draft rules/ordinance for members to review and provide feedback at the next meeting.

Ms. Wright, introduced herself and her role as Grant Coordinator. Ms. Wright outlined the grant application process. She agrees to and will guide the Board of Health through the grant application process. The current Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant option has a deadline that the committee would not be able to meet. Ms. Wright, will keep searching for grants that matches the Board of Health needs. Ms. Wirght suggested the Board review Nashua's lead program.

@6:20pm Ms. Wright left the meeting.

Dr. Moon asked Mr. Veno if the school board will be attending the February 20th City Council Meeting which will host the Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention presentation. Mr. Veno advised that we cannot require School Board Members to attend, but they will receive a formal invitation. The meeting will be recorded and publicized on the government channel.

Mr. Veno gave an update on the well test requirement for all new construction homes on a well. The plumbing and major building permits have been updated with the new testing requirement. There have been no complaints from contractors/homeowners.

Other Business:

Ms. Chavez shared that the City's Board of Health webpage has been updated to include a Topic of the Season. The current topic is lead. Future topics will include ticks and mosquitoes.

Ms. McLellan suggested the Board of Health page be linked to Building and Licensing services for easy access. Ms. Chavez will work with Public Information/Community Engagement Manager Matt Wyatt on creating the link.

The next Board of Health meeting is February 20th at 5pm on the 2nd floor annex conference room.

Adjournment:

Dr. Moon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm, Ms. McLellan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Chavez

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Secretary for Building and Licensing Services