



# City of Rochester, New Hampshire

## Board of Health

### MINUTES OF THE ROCHESTER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HELD ON May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

The Chair, Thomas Moon called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m. in the Annex conference rooms located at 33 Wakefield St. Rochester, NH.

#### Roll Call:

##### **Members Present**

Thomas Moon  
Toni McLellan  
Dr. Archana Bhargava  
Jim Grant

##### **Members Excused**

Jackie Fitzpatrick

#### Also present:

Jessica Chavez, Secretary for Building and Licensing Services  
Bob Veno, Health Inspector for Building and Licensing Services

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*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.*

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#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 meeting and approved unanimously.

#### **New:**

Mr. Veno introduced guest speakers Beverly Drouin and Gail Gettens from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to the Board.

Ms. Drouin and Ms. Gettens introduced themselves and their role at DHHS. They began the presentation about Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention.

The Power Point outlined the current rules and regulations regarding lead, the 2021 data brief of lead exposure in New Hampshire, the long-term impacts and consequences of lead exposure, as well as the statistics of lead poisoning in Rochester NH. Presenters ended the presentation with suggested action steps for the Board members to consider.

The presentation ended at 4:20pm and a Q&A began. Back and forth conversation between presenters, Board members and City staff in attendance.

Presenters and Non-Board members left at 5pm.

More discussion took place with the Board members. Dr. Bhargava recommended that the lead presentation be presented to City Council and School Board.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Grant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:10pm, Dr. Bhargava seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jessica Chavez*

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Secretary for Building and Licensing Services