



# City of Rochester, New Hampshire

## **Board of Health**

### **MINUTES OF THE ROCHESTER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HELD ON February 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 5:00pm**

The Chair, Thomas Moon called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. in the Annex conference rooms located at 33 Wakefield St. Rochester, NH.

Silent Roll Call:

#### **Members Present**

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

#### **Members Excused**

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 January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting and approved unanimously.

#### **New:**

Ms. McLellan asked for an update on how the City Council presentation will work. Mr. Veno gave the group an update. Mr. Veno asked Dr. Moon to give a brief introduction of the presenters to City Council. Dr. Moon agreed.

Ms. McLellan asked the group if they had a chance to review the draft ordinances. The group reviewed and suggested corrective changes. Ms. Chavez read the 2018 Lead Law when New Hampshire became a universal lead testing state. It was discussed that all children who are entering Kindergarten should provide proof of a Blood Lead Level (BLL) test at time of enrollment. It was discussed by the group that allowing a 6-month grace period for BLL results should be included.

Ms. McLellan asked if any funds could be used to educate contractors. Mr. Veno said funds are currently not available, if they were to become available, they would be for homeowners.

The group discussed the next steps on finalizing the Lead Ordinance. Mr. Grant suggested that the Board of Health submit 2 ordinance options to the Codes and Ordinance committee. The group agreed. Ms. McLellan asked Ms. Chavez to compile the draft ordinance document and share it with the City Attorney. Ms. Chavez agreed. Once completed Ms. Chavez will email the final drafts to members for review. Ms. Chavez is also to submit the Agenda Bill to the Codes and Ordinance committee.

Mr. Veno informed the group about the new State Law RSA130-A:5d-d that all newly created rental units within buildings erected prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1978 must receive a lead safe certificate at the time of Certificate of Occupancy issuance. The goal is to make all rentals lead safe.

**New Business:**

No new business

**Adjournment:**

Ms. McLellan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm, Ms. Fitzpatrick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jessica Chavez*

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Secretary for Building and Licensing Services