

Board MeetingFebruary 8, 2022.....12:00 noon

Board Members Present: Dr. Charles A. Thayer, Chairman
Dr. Bruce E. Bodner, Board Member
Dr. Bryan Bagdasian, Board Member

Staff Present: Heather L. Gallant, Executive Director, Adam Vickstrom, Assistant Executive Director, Daniel Ross, Daniel Syriala, Eileen North, Brian McCracken, Kevin Duquette, Michelle Borrello, Michele Bousquet

Others Present: Diane Heath, Linda Kennedy, Steve Fernandes

1. Motion: By Dr. Thayer to approve January Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Bodner seconded. All in favor. So voted.

2. Sanitary Inspectors Monthly Reports were submitted for the Board's review:

Daniel Syriala reported everything is going well. Inspections are slow due to the weather. It will pick up when the better weather comes.

Daniel Ross reported he is getting back into the swing of things and has been doing inspections.

Eileen North reported she sent out 90 letters to businesses who have not sent in their permit application or who are missing documentation.

Brian McCracken reported he has been doing routine inspections and some re-inspections. Some businesses might take over a week to fix an issue because they are waiting for a part to come in.

3. Public Health Nurse Monthly Report

Michelle Borrello reported that there is an increase in flu cases. She continues to work with Lisa Todorsky (new nurse hire) to prioritize COVID cases for contact tracing. On Saturday February 5th there was a drive thru for free COVID test kits at Taunton High School. Close to 1400 tests were given out. Communicable diseases are as follows: 3 Probable Hepatitis B, 5 Confirmed Hepatitis C, 6 Probable Hepatitis C, 3 Revoked Hepatitis C, 1 Probable Lyme Disease, 4 Suspect Lyme Disease, 11 confirmed influenza, 26 suspect influenza

4. Assistant Executive Director Monthly Report

Adam Vickstrom reported he continues to work on housing cases and is finishing up the septic installer's permits. Installers can renew their permits at their leisure. He is getting ready to send out the body art establishments renewals. Then the tanning renewals will get sent out.

5. Executive Director Monthly Report

Heather Gallant reported the drive thru COVID test distribution at Taunton High School went well. She has been busy gathering the COVID data and sends the reports to department heads and to the mayor's office. Things are going well. She works with the school system during the week, weekends and holidays. She goes over cases with the school nurse and they are seeing a decline in school transmission. Everything the schools have in place are doing well.

6. Old Business:

a. Taunton Sanitary Landfill Updates:

- a. Kevin Duquette reported that it is quiet at the landfill. The gas collection system is working normal and there have been no complaints. There are no pending threats to the health of the public emanating from the site. He should have more of an update within the next 6 months.
- b. Waste Management – No representative present
- c. Fortistar- No representative present

b. Western Bristol County Tobacco Prevention Collaborative – Updates

Diane Heath reported that last month Megan DeCosta was appointed as the new inspector. Last week Megan was in Taunton doing inspections and everything went well. Diane stated they are trying to connect with retailers and get them up to speed on any new regulations.

- c. **Miscellaneous-** Kevin Duquette reported he did a final inspection at 107 Plain Street. He stated the extra animals were removed and a large fencing system was set up in the existing location of the exercise area. The animals are not able to fly over the fence or get out. The file is closed at this time because they did meet the request of the Board as far as the variance was concerned.

7. New Business

a. Linda Kennedy, Hearing regarding violations of the State Sanitary Code Chapter II; Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation (housing code) found at 434 Tremont Street

Adam Vickstrom stated the Board of Health received the first complaint at the end of December regarding insufficient heat in the unit. The tenant did call back and cancelled the complaint so no actions were taken at that time. On January 20, 2022 Adam was contacted back by the tenant Mr. Fernandez with the complaint of no heat or insufficient heat throughout the unit. Adam asked the tenant not to use the wood stove during the day of his inspection because it is not an acceptable source of heat. He did the inspection on January 21, 2022 and did a temperature analysis. The highest temperature reading was 68 degrees and the lowest temperature reading was 58 degrees. The heat registers were

mounted up high where the wall meets the ceiling. The heating units within the home were not putting out enough heat to satisfy the requirement of the State Sanitary Code which is a temperature of 68 degrees from 7am to 11pm must be maintained. The windows and sliders were very drafty. Based on Adam's findings the heating system can't produce the temperatures in conjunction with the drafty windows and sliders letting the cold air in.

Adam sent a letter to the owner stating the 3 violations he found regarding the unit. The first violation is insufficient heat throughout the unit. The heating system is unable to meet the requirements. The current heating system is not meeting the minimum temperature requirements and must be repaired or replaced within 14 days of receipt of the letter. The second violation is the windows, doors and sliders are not weather tight. They need to be properly repaired or replaced within 30 days from the receipt of the letter. The third violation is the exterior dwelling is missing a large section of siding and must be properly replaced within 30 days of receipt of the letter.

Dr. Bodner makes a motion that the Board of Health endorses the recommendations made by Adam Vickstrom regarding the disposition of this property with a timeline as outlined in Adams citation which is to be extended seven more days from today. All in favor. So voted.

8. Communications:

a. Miscellaneous - none

9. Any Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance- none

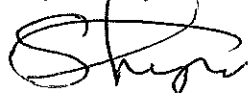
Schedule the Next Monthly Board Meeting:

Motion: By Dr. Bagdasian to have the next meeting March 8, 2022. Dr. Bodner seconded. All in favor. So voted.

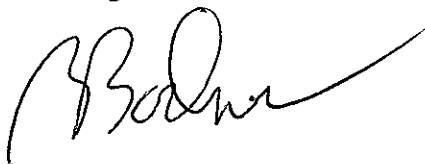
The next monthly board meeting will be March 8th, 2022 at 12:00 noon.

Motion: For adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Charles A. Thayer
Chairman



Dr. Bruce E. Bodner
Board Member



Dr. Bryan Bagdasian
Board Member