

Town of Natick

Board of Health

June 5, 2023 via ZOOM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Karla H. Sangrey, PE, Chair; Peter A. Delli Colli, DMD, Vice Chair; Donald J. Breda, PE, Clerk

Also Present: Michael K. Boudreau, MPA, RS/REHS, Director of Public Health

Absent: none

Call to Order: Chair Sangrey called the meeting to order via roll call, Dr. Delli Colli, Mr. Breda and Ms. Sangrey all present remotely

Citizens' Concerns: none presented

Discussion and Decision: May 1, 2023 meeting minutes

The draft minutes were reviewed and discussed.

Dr. Delli Colli made a motion to accept the May 1, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Breda seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Recognition of Natick Above the Influence (NATI) High School Seniors, Class of 2023

Julia Rossi, Scarlett O'Keefe, Sarah Cochi, Haviland McEnaney, Kelly Lopez, Courtney Hannon

Also Present: Prevention and Outreach staff:

Katie Sugarman, MA, CPS, Program Manager

Lizzy Chalfin, MSW, MPH, Associate Project Coordinator

Astrid Dretler, MPH, Administrative Project Coordinator

Ms. Sugarman thanked the Board for this student recognition and thanked Ms. Chalfin and Ms. Dretler, for their leadership.

She said we are fortunate to have these committed young people who persevered during the COVID-19 pandemic to get initiatives off the ground. The majority of these students were part of NATI for all 4 years in high school. They not only engaged their high school peers, but also inspired middle school students. Here are a few of their town wide initiatives over the past year;

Red Ribbon Week - This is an annual campaign that takes place every October. NATI youth helped design the banner and tabled during school lunches, encouraging their peers to sign the banner and pledge to be substance free for the week.

Visit Middle School Health Classes - NATI students developed a presentation for middle school youth and visited health classes at Kennedy Middle School sharing lessons about refusal skills and debunking myths about substance use. This program served as a pilot for additional middle school class visits next school year.

NHS Equity Co-Op Day - NATI students developed a presentation for their peers about mental health and substance use. During Equity Co-Op Day, NATI students made several class presentations to their peers, educating a total of 60 NHS students.

Eighth Grade Step Up Night - NATI students helped recruit new rising Freshman to join NATI in the fall.

Sticker Shock - During prom/graduation season, NATI students visited all the alcohol outlet retailers in town and placed stickers on the products reminding others to not buy alcohol for minors. In total, they placed over 1000 stickers on alcohol products in town!

The Board members expressed their appreciation for the students and staff for their dedication. The students will each receive a Certificate of Appreciation for their community service.

Discussion and Decision: Livestock Permit Application of Loreto Benit Atonellis to keep twelve (12) chickens at 155 Mill St.

Mr. Boudreau said the reason this application is being presented to the Board is that an abutter responded with a concern regarding nearby conservation land.

The Conservation Agent reviewed the application and provided administrative approval for the project as described in the application.

There was a discussion regarding the number of hens requested for approval, sight location and parameters of applicable regulations.

Mr. Breda made a motion to approve the application for the reduced amount of six (6) hens. Dr. Delli Colli seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Discussion and Decision: Nomination of Peter Cunningham, Animal Control Officer, for appointment as an Animal Inspector for the Board of Health

Mr. Boudreau told the Board he would like to have the Natick Police Department Animal Control Officer, Mr. Cunningham, named an Animal Inspector for the Board of Health. He explained that Mr. Cunningham will be better able to assist Ms. Condon with Animal Inspector duties as well as cover in her absence. The Animal Control Officer and the Animal Inspector often work with each other regarding quarantines and unregistered dogs. This appointment will create a more robust enforcement process.

There was a discussion about the numbers of exposure reports, the quarantine requirements and the procedures.

Mr. Breda made a motion to appointment
Ms. Sangrey seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Discussion and Decision: Request for Variance from Natick Board of Health Regulations Chapter 5 to reduce setback of a septic system leach field from the property line at 164 Cottage Street

Mr. Boudreau provided background for the variance request. Due to unanticipated water movement, relocation of the septic system leach field was required. This results in the request to relocate the leach field closer to the property line. Mr. Boudreau consulted with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA DEP) regarding their Title 5 regulations.

There was a discussion about the requirements of MA DEP Title 5 and the Natick Board of Health Chapter 5 Septic Regulations. Also discussed was the lack of an engineered design plan for the specific construction of the system.

Mr. Breda made a motion to table the decision until a complete comprehensive plan is submitted. Dr. Delli Colli seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Health Department Update(s):

- a. COVID-19 update: Numbers continue in a downward trend.
- b. Arbovirus surveillance update: Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control is conducting regular inspections and treatments. A schedule of when they will be in Natick is posted on the Health Department Webpage.
- c. May – Mental Health Awareness Month: Town wide initiative to promote awareness of available support and programs. Mr. Boudreau commended Jessica Cliff and all the Prevention and Outreach staff and Natick 180 members who participated.
- d. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day: Nearly three-hundred (300) residents participated in our thirty-seventh (37th) annual event on Saturday, May 5, 2023. Mr. Boudreau thanks the Department of Public Works for providing the location and employee support. He also thanked the Health Department Staff for their efforts
- e. FDA-NEHA - Taking Action on Food Safety: Federal Drug Administration and National Environmental Health Association grant money has been received. Training to reinforce food protection program standards has begun for staff
- f. NACCHO: On behalf of the Natick Sustainability Director, Jillian Wilson-Martin, Mr. Boudreau represented Natick at the National Association of County and City and Health Officers annual conference. He participated in discussions on a number of environmental concerns.

Board Member Update(s): Ms. Sangrey inquired about regulations for the required removal of private septic systems that have a cesspool(s). Mr. Boudreau said he would do research.

Next Meeting(s): The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023

Adjourn: Mr. Breda made a motion to adjourn
Ms. Sangrey seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Sangrey, yes Mr. Breda, yes Dr. Delli Colli, yes

Respectfully submitted,



Peter A. Delli Colli, DMD, Clerk

Documents at this meeting:
draft meeting minutes 05-01-2023
livestock documentation 155 Mill St.
septic documentation 164 Cottage St.