



BOARD OF HEALTH  
February 20, 2024

The meeting was held in Room 9 of the Town Hall and was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Chairman Elizabeth Sabounjian, Dr. Dan King, Dr. Jane Williams and Director of Public Health, Shelly Newhouse. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on March 5, 2024.

The Board reviewed and approved the January 16, 2024 minutes.

**Public Hearing – 108 Glen Road application for 6 chickens**

The applicant, Melissa Gianatasio is applying for 6 chickens. The animal control inspector gave a favorable recommendation. One abutter asked that the compost and coop be moved further from the fence line along her property. Since the coop and compost structures have not been installed the Director will have the animal control officer visit the applicants to inform them of the Boards condition. Dr. King motioned to approve the application with the condition that the coop and compost bin be moved. Dr. Williams, seconded, voted 3-0.

**Mayflower Recovery Unit**

The Director attended the quarterly meeting at Mayflower between parties in the Town and the staff at Mayflower. There were updates on the service call logs for 2023 and the current quarter of 2024. A breakdown on the calls for service were also presented. The Board asked for a breakdown on age demographics.

**Tobacco Control Inspector**

There is a new tobacco control inspector, Tachya Soto. Tachya is currently serving as the part time health inspector for the Tri-Ton Coalition and by taking the tobacco control inspector position it will make her full time for the Coalition. Tachya will begin training with the State Mass Dept of Public Health Tobacco Control program. The Director will invite Tachya into a future meeting.

**Budget FY 2025**

The Director had the budget meeting with the Finance Committee and everything was approved.

**Olin**

The EPA community involvement coordinator, Charlotte Gray updated the Community Involvement Plan for the quarter. The Director has it on the Departments website. The Director issued a comment letter on behalf of the Health Department for the Health & Safety Emergency Response Plan and the Draft Institutional Control Implementation and Assurance Plan. This was done with the Town's consultant, Verdantas. These updates were also presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Dr. King motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Dr. King, seconded, voted 3-0.



**Recording:**

**Shelly Newhouse, Director of Public Health**