

A meeting of the Board of Health was posted and held on March 16, 2017 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Swampscott Town Hall, 22 Monument Avenue. Attending this meeting were Chairperson, Martha Dansdill, Maryann Hartmann, and Allison Oxtan. Meeting opened at 6:19pm.

Minutes of the Board of Health meeting held February 11, 2016 were submitted and voted accepted

The Board did a final review of the trash and recycling contract. Jeff Vaughan will review the contract for correct dates and State Sanitary Code compliance. Marianne Hartman motioned to accept the contract with revisions that Section 4.0 owner occupancy duties be in compliance Allison Oxtan seconded the revision voted unanimously.

Northeast Mosquito Control District, Best Management Practices stated a 3% increase in service, state funded. On page 9 it states there will be two new traps, one being on Fisher Avenue “non—collected”. Board mentioned that it is unknown why it would be uncollected but will research for an answer. On page 11 BT/BS doesn’t work in storm drains that contain organic matter, only Methoprene. Martha Dansdill state she has spoken to the Town Administrator who will speak to Gino Cresta and they may revert to Methoprene. Page 12, 4th par. Delete school department and insert Health Director. Page 13 4th par Remove inquire or ask for explanation to verify the mosquito in a 25-mile flying radius as it regards to the Methoprene reference. The Board will invite NEMCD to its next meeting to discuss the contract; Methoprene, larvicide timeframe, changes to the contract, delay treatment until the storm drains have been cleaned.

The Board welcomed Elana Zabar from Green Scholars, an environmental group at Swampscott High School with nine students Juniors & Seniors. The campaign Ms. Zabar represents is Stomp out Styrofoam, an attempt to eradicate Styrofoam from the five Swampscott schools, replacing it with paper boats. This program is already in effect in Marblehead, Ipswich, Andover and Hamilton/Wenham. It would take a by-law change to bring the program to restaurants in the form of takeout trays and hot cups. Ipswich enforces this by a fine system of 100-200-300 dollars. The program has been successful. Ms Zabar has spoken to Naomi Dreeben, Chairperson of Selectmen who sent her to the Board of Health. The Board of Health then had conversation and questions for Ms Zabar and the consensus was that this was a worthwhile project but that they would like the change to come from the students. The Board of Health will take an advisory role and guide them through with a target of fall Town Meeting.

Old and New Business – Opioid task force held an event called “If Only” which was fairly well attended. Jeffrey Gold, MD stated that under 25 group is susceptible to addiction, the younger the start heavier the addiction. The Drug Task Force will plan another event in the future.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm

Respectfully submitted

Linda Paster

