

# BOARD OF HEALTH

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

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On February 11, 2020 the Board of Health opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with Marianne Hartmann, Emily Cilley, and Stephanie Goodman in attendance also present were Jeffrey Vaughan, Health Director and Linda Paster Secretary.

## New Business

Under the new town trash contract, residents will have the ability to utilize 1 35 gallon trash container, which will be town provided. Stephanie Goodman made a motion to support the Waste Reduction Program with a unanimous vote from the Board.

The Board was also unanimous with the change to the trash regulation taking the quantity from 2 35-gallon barrels down to 1 35-gallon barrel.

## Old Business

Pesticide – Unavailable for this meeting

Continued discussion regarding No Dogs on Athletic fields and regulations. This discussion is ongoing without regulation decision. The matter of dog control on fields will be approached again at the March meeting.

## Health Director Report

Dan is no longer the Animal Control Officer. Sean Fitzgerald wants to work toward regionalizing this position. Jeff Vaughan will try to set up a meeting

Public Health Nurse is currently a 9.75 hr position per week. Jeff is putting a request in at Town Meeting to raise the hour load to a 17 hour per week position. The Public Health Nurse currently splits her time between Nurse and Emergency Coordinator. Jeff Vaughan assured Town Manager that this has the support of the Board of Health.

Girls Inc grant: The teachers are not participating in this project. We will have to find another format for this money.

Health Director would like to increase the Public Health Nurse to a 20 hour week position to include Emergency Preparedness

Housing – Health Director, as part of the Inspection Team is working with the Building Inspector and Fire Inspector. Currently in discussion are residences on Hillside Ave, 5 Fuller Tr, 80 Stetson Av, and 8 Clark St

Recycling IQ Grant – Trash and recycling, currently JRM serves 30% to recycling . The new contract with Waste Management seems to have better numbers. They take the time and current charges are coming in with a report showing recycle audit per section. Jeff Vaughan thinks this should be put on hold until next year due to the changes happening in trash contract. Vote was taken to hold until 2021.

Stephanie Goodman spoke about goals for the Board of Health which may or may not include:

- \* Having mandatory recycling, as they do in some other communities.
- \* Black Earth could be expanded to include meat, bones, pizza boxes. All towns struggle with their trash budget.
- \*She mentioned that some communities have included plastic utensils and coffee stirrers in their single use plastics ban.
- \*Exercise stations along oceanfront or railtrail, a type of adult play activity.
- \*Interface: Emily Cilley wrote an article about the recent mental health incident involving a graduate student She has met with groups separately and people are interested. Mental Health Interface will allow people to get help faster. She encourages the Board to really get moving . Emily Cilley would like to do a presentation at the spring Town Meeting.
- \* Animal Control Officer: The Board would like to increase the hours of this position and will discuss this with Town Meeting.
- \*School lunch quality

-Next meeting the Board will discuss and develop a fact sheet and questions for a survey-  
Healthy People 2030!

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 pm Next meeting scheduled for March TBD

Submitted

Linda Paster, Secretary