

SWAMPSCOTT BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES January 18, 2017

The Board of Health meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 was called to order at 6:07 PM. Attending were Board of Health members – Martha Dansdill, Chairwoman; Alison Oxtan, RN, MSN; and Marianne Hartmann, RN; and Director of Public Health - Jeffrey Vaughan.

Minutes of November 7, 2016 (Town Meeting) and December 13, 2016 were accepted.

A discussion of the Swampscott's Rules and Regulations for Rubbish and Recycling Collection and Disposal was opened. The purpose of this discussion was to update and amend the Rules and Regulations to reflect the new contract with Swampscott's trash hauler, Republic, and to eliminate wording that no longer applies to the current regulation. The proposed amendments have not been vote on, and may include: 1) Definitions: Insert "Burnable" to "Bulky Waste", 2) Section 5.0: eliminate paragraphs that refer to the years 2011 and 2012, eliminate sentences about the future use of large barrels, eliminate commentaries about recycling, eliminate Mixed Paper paragraph whereas mixed paper no longer needs to be separated from commingled materials, add clarification about size and bundling of cardboard (this can be found separately on the Health Department webpage), indicate recycling is picked up every week versus every other week, and indicate that Styrofoam and plastic bags cannot be recycled curbside, despite having a recycle number, 3) Section 6.0: indicate that barrels used for yard waste must be clearly labeled as yard waste. The following will be reviewed at the next Board of Health meeting - Sections 7.0-11.0 and adding a Section to allow fines for improper storage of refuse containers (in accordance with Massachusetts regulations). The Appendix to the Rules and Regulations will be updated to reflect changes that have occurred over the past 5 years.

Ms. Dansdill stated that compliance checks for banned items in trash loads will be taking place at the point of incinerator or at the landfill. Ms. Dansdill will explore where metals can be recycled locally and if any local facility offers metals pick up.

Mr. Vaughan met with Republic, Swampscott's trash hauler. The purpose of this meeting was to air some complaints from homeowners, to publish the 2017 recycle calendar, work on a 'violation' sticker to be placed on rubbish that does not comply with the Town's Regulation. He stated loose trash that is in the vicinity of the trash barrels is not the responsibility of the hauler if it is there before they arrive. However, loose trash that is scattered during dumping of a receptacle should be picked up by the hauler. Mr. Vaughan asked that the haulers not toss barrels and recycled bins to the curb as they tend to fracture when handled this way. It is expected that the Swampscott Recycle Calendar will be mailed with the census in February 2017, in the meantime current information regarding Christmas tree pick up and holiday schedules can be found on the Health Department webpage. Republic will contribute funds for the printing of the Recycle Calendar. The hauler will place stickers on items or trash overage that is not in compliance with the Regulations and the sticker will indicate why it was left behind.

The Russell Convenience store (a mini store) on Humphrey Street will be opening this month. They will sell lottery tickets, tobacco/nicotine items and snack items.

Ms. Hartmann stated a Girl Scout troop would like to do a public service awareness campaign about 'picking up after your dog.' She will ask them to attend an upcoming meeting.

The next Board of Health meeting will be February 15, 2017 at 6 PM.

Meeting was closed at 7:28 PM.