

DOVER BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
April 10, 2023 6:00 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER / SUNSHINE STATEMENT

President Darlene Kasko called the meeting to order and stated the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, also known as the Sunshine Law, and duly posted and advertised.

Vice President Alessandra Scarneo called the **ROLL**.

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Darlene Kasko, President	X		
Alessandra Scarneo, Vice President	X		
Rosita Scinto	X		
Rhoda Myles	X		
Janice Anthony	X		
Denise Jones, Alternate		X	

ALSO PRESENT

Sarah Perramant, Assistant HO
Ary Orama-Galloza, Registrar
Jessica Cruz, Alderman/Liaison
Geovanny Estacio, Health Committee
Marcos Tapia, Health Committee

President Kasko entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2023, reorganization/regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health.

A motion to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2023, reorganization/regularly scheduled meeting was made by Alessandra Scarneo and duly seconded by Rosita Scinto.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Name	Motion	Second	Ayes	Noes	Abstain
Darlene Kasko			X		
Alessandra Scarneo	X		X		
Rosita Scinto		X	X		
Rhoda Myles			X		
Janice Anthony			X		
Denise Jones, Alternate					

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

OLD BUSINESS:

The following summary of old business was provided by Sarah Perramant, Assistant Health Officer:

- Regarding staffing & department oversight, Amy Monaco (former Bloomfield HO) is no longer the Health Officer. The new HO is Maya Lordo, who is the Essex County Health Officer. The Town of Bloomfield is now contracted with Essex County for health officer services. Bloomfield will continue to provide contracted health services to the Town of Dover until the end of June 2023.
- An open p/t clerical employee position to assist the Registrar has been posted.
- A f/t REHS (health inspector) was hired. The position commences on April 17.
- The employment of a p/t Sanitation Inspector is being discussed.

Alessandra Scarneo commented on contracted health services and expressed her preference for being an independent health department with its own health officer.

- Sarah Parramant, Ass't HO, spoke about department staffing i.e. Health Officer, REHS, and clinical staff; and, moving forward, the possibility of employing its own Health Officer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sarah Perramant, Assissant Health Officer proceeded with the following new business and announcements:

Strengthening Public Health Grant

Ms. Parramant provided an update regarding the Strengthening Public Health grant. Under the grant, the following has been accomplished and/or is planned in the near future:

- F/T Communicable Disease Coordinator is employed.
- F/T Local Health Outreach worker is employed.
- Funds are available to offset the salary of the Registrar.
- The purchase of office equipment is planned.
- The hiring of a p/t Health Educator is planned.
- Infrastructure improvements will be made in the health department.

Childhood Lead Program Grant

- The Childhood Lead Program Grant is a 3 year grant that opens for applications in 2023. Dover will be eligible to apply for the grant.
- The lead inspections that will be required in multiple dwellings as part of the grant will be conducted by the Code Enforcement department.

In other New Business

- The Dover Public Schools were audited for compliance with childhood vaccination requirements. Some deficiencies were noted at the High School; particularly from transferred students. Audit results indicated approximately 12 students did not have all of the required vaccinations.
- The health department coordinated a vaccination clinic with public school officials and the Zufall Health Center to provide needed vaccinations to address any deficiencies. Approximately 20 students were vaccinated during the program.

Alessandra Scarneo asked what happens with a student that does not meet the vaccination requirements. Ms. Perramant detailed that the Outreach Coordinator reaches out to the child and provides assistance in getting the needed immunizations until the requirements are met.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Comments and discussions by the board were on-going and made during prior portions of the meeting.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

No members of the general public were present.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rhoda Myles and seconded by Alessandra Scarneo.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Name	Motion	Second	Ayes	Noes	Abstain
Darlene Kasko			X		
Alessandra Scarneo		X	X		
Rosita Scinto			X		
Rhoda Myles	X		X		
Janice Anthony			X		
Denise Jones, Alternate					

MEETING ADJOURNED

7:34 pm