



City of Rochester, New Hampshire

Board of Health

MINUTES OF THE ROCHESTER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HELD ON June 20th at 5:00pm

The Chair, Thomas Moon called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. in the Annex conference rooms located at 33 Wakefield St. Rochester, NH.

Roll Call:

Members Present

Thomas Moon
Toni McLellan
Dr. Archana Bhargava

Members Excused

Jackie Fitzpatrick
Jim Grant

Also present:

Jessica Chavez, Secretary for Building and Licensing Services
Bob Veno, Health Inspector for Building and Licensing Services

These minutes are the legal record of the meeting and are in the format of an overview of the Board of Health meeting. It is neither intended nor is it represented that this is a full transcription.

Approval of Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 23rd, 2023 meeting and approved unanimously.

New:

Ms. McLellan started the meeting with a few updates to the group. The City of Portsmouth, NH is working on applying for a grant to receive funds in "developing the infrastructure necessary to undertake comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned rental or owner-occupied housing". Additional information about the grant can be found on the U.S Department of House and Urban Development website.

Ms. McLellan will send the grant information to Mr. Veno to share with the City's Community Development Coordinator.

Ms. McLellan shared that she has created a draft ordinance taking into consideration all BOH discussions to date. The ordinance includes education and permitting requirements. Ms. McLellan has also updated the response to the City Manager. Ms. McLellan will share her documents with the City's Attorney for feedback.

Dr. Bhargava would like to have the school board as well as the city council attend the Healthy Homes and Lead Prevention presentation. The training would take place in early fall.

Mr. Veno suggested that we invite the superintendent and school nurses to a Board of Health meeting to discuss what practices are currently in place for lead paint exposure within the elementary schools.

Dr. Bhargava suggested that the next meeting be held in September to discuss partnerships, training, funding, rule(s) and/or ordinance(s).

New Business:

City photo badges: Before the next meeting, members will meet in the HR office to get updated badges.

Adjournment:

Dr. Moon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm, Dr. Bhargava seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Chavez

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Secretary for Building and Licensing Services