

Town of Foxborough Board of Health
Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes - February 7, 2022

The Board of Health meeting held on February 7, 2022 was conducted remotely via Zoom, as well as broadcasted live on Foxboro Cable Access. The meeting was posted and conducted in a manner consistent with Governor Baker's June 16, 2021 law "*An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency*". All participants participated remotely.

Paul Steeves opened the regular meeting of the Foxborough Board of Health, under the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Massachusetts, at 7:00 p.m. on February 7, 2022. Chair, Paul Steeves announced those board members present and participating remotely;

Betsy Allo, Vice Chair, present
Eric Arvedon, Clerk, absent

Quorum was established.

7:00 p.m. P. Steeves requested that the presentation by the Academic Public Health Corps not begin until E. Arvedon joined the meeting remotely. B. Allo and M. Brennan concurred.

M. Brennan provided background on the reason behind the Academic Public Health Corps performing a community health assessment for the Town of Foxborough. He continued saying, the information from the presentation could be useful to the Town and in his new position as director of public health in Foxborough.

Eric Arvedon joined the meeting remotely at 7:05 p.m.

7:05 p.m. ***A Community Health Assessment presentation by the Academic Public Health Corps***

Meaghan Walsh and Andrew Khalaj, volunteers with the Academic Public Health Corps (APHC), presented (remotely) their "*Community Health Assessment*" for the Town of Foxborough.

The presentation provided an overview of statistical data associated with, but was not limited to, population, social vulnerability factors, healthy aging of seniors and pediatric health and socioeconomic trends. At the conclusion of the presentation, the APHC provided "Action Items" and "Recommendations" for Foxborough to consider, to improve community health as a whole.

All board members provided positive comments following the presentation. P. Steeves asked if the presentation could be placed on the Board of Health website. M. Brennan acknowledged his request.

P. Steeves thanked Meaghan Walsh, Andrew Khalaj and Sophia Curto (not present) for their work on the Foxborough community health assessment and closed the matter at 8:05p.m.

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Town Warrant Articles

Further discussion relative to the Town warrant articles submitted by the Board of Health

P. Steeves stated he recently spoke with Mike Stanton, Chair of the Foxborough Water and Sewer Commission. Discussion between the Chairmen focused on the Water and Sewer Commission strongly opposing the town warrant article the Board of Health submitted to Town Management, associated with water use restrictions by private irrigation well users. During the conversation, Mike Stanton stated he and his board members would welcome the opportunity for the two Boards to meet and discuss other ways Foxborough can promote and achieve water conservation within the town.

P. Steeves opined to his fellow board members, that the article in question be pulled from the Town Warrant at this time.

E. Arvedon made a motion to remove the warrant article recommendation, associated with the adoption of a water use restriction by-law, from the Town Warrant. The motion was seconded by B. Allo. P. Steeves called for discussion. Hearing no discussion, P. Steeves called for a roll call vote.

E. Arvedon: Aye B. Allo: Aye P. Steeves: Aye

Motion Passed.

8:13 p.m.

B. Allo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by E. Arvedon. P. Steeves called for a roll call vote.

E. Arvedon: Aye B. Allo: Aye P. Steeves: Aye

Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022

Eric Arvedon, Clerk/dp