

Town of Foxborough Board of Health
Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes - June 6, 2022

Members Present: Paul Steeves, Chair, Sophia C. Manos, Member
Members Participating Remotely via Video Conferencing: Betsy Allo, MPH, Vice-Chair
Members Absent: None

Health Department Staff Present: Matthew Brennan, R.S., Director of Public Health, Diane Passafaro, Public Health Coordinator and Recorder.

Others Present: Kerri Vogler, Sweetness and Honey Bakery

P. Steeves opened the regular meeting of the Foxborough Board of Health, under the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Massachusetts, at 7:01 p.m. on June 6, 2022. Meeting took place in the Andrew A. Gala, Jr. meeting room inside the Foxborough Town Hall, 40 South Street, Foxborough, MA. Paul Steeves, Chair, presiding, Betsy Allo, Vice-Chair, participating remotely and Sophia C. Manos, newly elected member, present.

Quorum was established.

The agenda for the June 6, 2022 Board of Health meeting was read aloud by P. Steeves.

7:01 p.m. Introduction of newly elected Board of Health member, Sophia C. Manos

P. Steeves introduced and welcomed Sophia C. Manos to the Board of Health. S. Manos was elected into the open Board of Health seat during Foxborough's annual Town election in May.

**7:02 p.m. Kerri Vogler – Sweetness and Honey Bakery, 46 Central Street
New food establishment – Introduction to the Board of Health**

Representing Sweetness and Honey Bakery was Owner, Kerri Vogler. K. Vogler spoke on what the bakery operations would look like when she first opens. The establishment is not yet opened to the public, but will offer tables and chairs with a minimal sweets and drink menu to start. K. Vogler continued stating that she anticipates a workforce of three to four employees and is in the process of reviewing applications. The Board was interested in how she found a passion for baking and owning her own bakery. K. Vogler replied saying that she grew up with her family making homemade cakes for family birthday parties. More recently, she casually baked for friends and co-workers which turned into many individuals requesting orders. She ultimately applied for a Cottage Food Operation permit with the Foxborough Health Department and took the opportunity when the storefront became available.

P. Steeves asked M. Brennan if there were any issues. M. Brennan responded saying the 46 Central Street location is a new facility and there were no issues.

P. Steeves thanked K. Vogler for coming and wished her luck with her new establishment. The matter was closed at 7:14 p.m.

**7:14 p.m. Taib Gorgy, Owner – Lovely Pizza, 6 Railroad Avenue
New food establishment – Introduction to the Board of Health**

Taib Gorgy was not present for his appointment. This was the second time Mr. Gorgy was on the agenda and did not show. P. Steeves expressed his frustration on the matter and requested that he be invited again to the next meeting. P. Steeves asked if there have been any compliance issues since he opened. M. Brennan stated that the Foxborough Health Department has been there three times since he has opened and have not found any major issues.

P. Steeves closed the discussion of Lovely Pizza at 7:18 p.m.

7:18 p.m. Department Updates

- The Foxborough Health Department received a correspondence from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources which contained a Cease and Desist order for Oake Knoll Farms for the selling of colostrum. Teresa Lawton, Owner of Oake Knoll Farms, asked the Foxborough Health Department if she could sell colostrum under her current retail food permit. Health Director, Matthew Brennan stated no, as this item is not a regulated food item under the Food Code.
- Two employees have been hired under the public health excellence grant. The two positions are set to start in June. Foxborough will work with all Towns within the grant collaborative for onboarding and training of these two positions.
- The compliance issues related to the pool fencing at Normandy Farms has been mostly resolved. They continue to work on one final section of fence.
- An inspection occurred at 68 Neponset Heights Avenue following an occupant complaint. Upon inspection, it was found that the dwelling did not meet many standards within the State Housing Code and inspection paperwork was sent to the Owner's Attorney. The property was also forwarded to the Foxborough Building Commissioner for further review and action as warranted.
- A complaint was received by the Foxborough Health Department on a vacant and abandoned house located at 40 Spring Street. Although the dwelling is vacant, it provides a nuisance to the neighbors due to observed rodent activity.
- Rodent activity within Patriot Place has improved. Patriot Place management has completed a comprehensive assessment of the situation and have included non-food businesses in conversations as it relates to pest control.

- The Town will be receiving three thousand free Covid test kits. Test kits will be distributed to Town Departments, like Council on Aging and the Library, to aid in the distribution of these kits.

7:53 p.m. S. Manos made a motion to approve the following bills.

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| Foxboro Animal Hospital (April Rabies Clinic Services) | \$545.50 |
| Schwaab, Inc. (True and Accurate Certification Stamp) | \$46.25 |
| W.B. Mason (Miscellaneous Office Supplies) | \$9.87 |
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| Verizon Wireless (Monthly Data Usage Charge for Insp. Tablets) | \$75.98 |
| Whalley Computer Associates, Inc. (Color Printer Toner) | \$553.00 |
| D.P. (May Communications) | \$50.00 |
| M.B. (May Communications) | \$50.00 |
| C.S. (May Communications) | \$50.00 |
| Lifeworks, Inc. (May Services) | \$812.83 |
| O'Reilly Auto (Town Car Oil Change/Maintenance) | \$73.24 |
| O'Reilly Auto (Credit) | \$-35.76 |
| O'Reilly Auto (Town Car Oil Change – Filer) | \$4.99 |
| Mass. Association of Health Boards (Annual Cert. Program) | \$90.00 |
| National Env. Health Assoc. (Annual Membership – C.S.) | \$25.00 |
| Rodman Ford Sale (Town Car Maintenance - Wingnuts) | \$155.20 |
| Taylor Technologies (Pool Inspection Supplies) | \$57.23 |
| Grainger (Inspection Supplies) | \$128.03 |
| Verizon Wireless (Monthly Data Usage for Insp. Tablets) | \$75.98 |
| D.P. (June Communications) | \$50.00 |
| M.B. (June Communications) | \$50.00 |
| C.S. (June Communications) | \$50.00 |
| Lifeworks, Inc. (June Services) | \$812.87 |

B. Allo seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, P. Steeves called for a roll call vote.

B. Allo: Aye S. Manos: Aye P. Steeves: Aye

Motion passed.

8:02 p.m. B. Allo asked to speak. P. Steeves gave her the floor.

B. Allo informed her fellow Board members that Foxborough's Public Health Nurse, Thomas Kenvin, would like to present his research and findings on pediatric asthma prevalence in Foxborough and risk factors associated thereof, during a joint meeting with the Foxborough Board of Health and Foxborough School Committee. M. Brennan was asked to assist in setting up this joint meeting.

8:03 p.m. B. Allo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by S. Manos. P. Steeves called for a roll call vote.

B. Allo: Aye S. Manos: Aye P. Steeves: Aye
Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2022

Paul Steeves, Chair