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Steve Adam, Chair (2019)
William Doyle, M.D. (2020)
Kelly Dixon, MSN, RN (2021)

Board of Health – Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2019

2nd Floor Community Room, 20 Sanderson Street

5:30 PM

Members:

- Present: **Steven Adam.** (Elected), Chair (June, 2019)
- Absent: **Dr. William Doyle** (June, 2020)
- Present: **Kelly Dixon, MSN, RN** (December, 2021)

Also Present:

- Ivan Kwagala, Health Inspector
- Glen Ayers, Appointed Agent for BoH
- Jasmine Ward, Health Clerk

1. Call to order 5:30 pm

CHAIRS STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded. If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time.

2. Roll call -

3. Approval of Minutes - none

4. **Health Inspections Update:**

Ivan Kwagala shared with the Board a list of inspections that have been completed since coming on. **IK-** I chose to start with the higher risk restaurants, as all restaurants are due for inspections. Some concerns came up that required re-inspections; Taylors Tavern, Hope & Olive, Mag Pie, and Village Pizza. The general reaction of operators of restaurants is that they are very happy to have an inspector back on Board.

SA- You have done a lot of work. **KD-** yes! This is amazing.

SA- Are you getting any push back from any of the store/ restaurant owners? – **IK-** Village Pizza gave some push back about violations. I like to educate people about the violations. I always ask them to read over the report and ask any questions before signing.

KD- I am glad to see only 4 concerning restaurants out of 47 you have inspected this far.

IK-The former inspectors, especially Jami Kolosewicz really did a lot of work improving restaurant conditions.

KD- did we hear back from the lab about Hampton Inn's negative pool sample? **IK-** I collected sampling with Jasmine. Pseudomonas, which was positive, has been resolved.

5. Health Department Personnel:

SA- "The Board of Health has been ordered by the Mayor to rescind its appointment of Glen Ayers as a Health Agent for the Greenfield Health Department.

Truth be told, I was aware there were differences between the Mayor and Mr. Ayers, but I felt that these differences could be put aside in the interest of restoring the Health Department and for the good of the City of Greenfield.

I have spoken with the Mayor, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, and Mr. Ayers on multiple occasions leading up to this meeting of the Board of Health, and the Mayor's position in this matter remains firm and unchanged.

Members of the Board of Health are Mayoral appointees; that is to say we serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. While there are instances -such as during a time of emergency- when Boards of Health in the Commonwealth can take action opposed to an Executive directive, in my opinion rescinding Mr. Ayers' appointment does not qualify as such an emergency where this Board would take action contrary to the Mayor's order.

I will however voice my opinion and state for the record: In this period of rebuilding the Health Department I find this Executive directive to be unfortunate and inconvenient for the Health Department. Furthermore, from where I sit -given Mr. Ayers vast experience- I perceive it as short-sighted given the amount of catch-up work that needs doing."

SA- feels the mayor may have been upset by the lead presentation.

GA- shares with the board a letter of support that was signed by 200 plus public health representatives that have signed onto the bill in support of the lead remediation legislation. Considered a big deal in the world of public health. Everything I said in my presentation was true to the facts. I am curious to see where this concern about the lead presentation is coming from. Was not my attention to be alarming, just wanted to make the case that the town should prepare ourselves to be first in line for potential funding. Governor has put 20 million into this budget.

If this is disciplinary, or has to do with complaints, I would request a discussion continued in the form of a posted meeting in executive session.

SA- we have two options to rescind appointment, or opt to take no action.

KD- Motion: that we take no action to rescind the appointment of Glen ayers. SA: I, KD: I

6. Set next meeting- April 10, 2019 at 10 a.m. – 20 Sanderson St – 2nd floor meeting space

7. Adjournment: motion to adjourn by Chair, SA: at 6:09 p.m, KD:2nd vote.

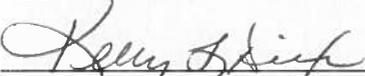
Respectfully Submitted by Jasmine Ward,


Approved: BOH Chair Steve Adam

April 10, 2019
Date

Approved: BOH Member, Dr. William Doyle

Date


Approved: BOH Member, Kelly Dixon, MSN, RN

4/10/19
Date

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