



CITY OF AMESBURY, MA
BOARD OF HEALTH
August 19, 2025

APPROVED: 9/16/25

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By City Clerk at 11:29 am, Sep 17, 2025

Virtual Meeting called to order at 6:38pm.

Roll Call Attendance: Ann McKay, Chairman; Robin Beeley, Co-Chairman; Aaron Martin; Jarod Lavarney
Staff: Deb Ketchen, Inspector; Collin Schaefer, Regional Inspector; Pamela Palombo, Regional Nurse

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: May 15, 2025. Motion by Ann to approve, seconded by Robin, Unanimous.

NEW MEMBERS

Aaron Martin and Jarod Lavarney are introduced as newly appointed members.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were provided by Deb Ketchen, Collin Schaefer, and Pamela Palombo regarding their day-to-day activities. No pressing/urgent issues have arisen since the last meeting.

Collin and Deb (Health Inspectors) continue to perform food inspections and respond to housing complaints.

A tobacco sales violation was reported, and a hearing before the Board is being scheduled.

Lake Gardner exceeded E. coli safe levels on 8/13, 8/14, and 8/18. Collin has been handling the testing, and re-testing to make sure Lake Gardner is re-opened as soon as possible.

Pamela Palombo, Regional Nurse:

- A1C Screenings and glucose screenings.
- Preparation for upcoming Live Well Celebration where she and Collin will have an information table and hand out pamphlets and tick socks
- Continue to pursue grant writing certification

EKIOMILLE RAT ERADICATION TRIAL PROGRAM (ATTACHMENT A)

Ann has moved this discussion to the next meeting.

MVPHA FY25 REPORT (ATTACHMENT B)

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Deb explained that no spraying has been performed and informs the Board that the public must be notified if spraying occurs. Spraying occurs when a positive is recorded and to date no have been reported.



TOXIC SPILL UPDATE

A film on the water source was a naturally occurring algae bloom, not toxic. The City website has information posted about different types of bacteria to help residents understand the differences between blooms and bacteria, and what our protocol is for handling these issues.

BOH /HEALTH DEPARTMENT WEB PAGE

The members agree that the web page must be updated, in addition to creating an Instagram account so information is more easily accessible.

Collin conveys that with the PHE Grant, we do have someone who can update the web design for the BOH, in addition to utilizing William, Com. Director at City Hall, to update our web pages based on what the Board would like to see. It is recommended that the Board reach out to William to discuss changes to be made to the website.

Collin also mentions that setting up social media is in the works. Initially, Facebook and Instagram will be incorporated.

LAKE GARDNER SIGNAGE

Collin reports signage is complete.

REVISION OF BOH RULES AND REGULATIONS

Ann is working with Erika from MVPHA who has a contact at DPH regarding revising our Rules and Regs., along with a change in fees. They will check with the Mayor's Office to see when the changes will be presented to Finance, then City Council for approval. Once those are completed, the Board can formally vote to adopt the new rules/regulations/fees. Current Rules & Regs. are dated 2011.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2025, in person.

Motion to Adjourn by Ann – seconded by Robin – 8:02pm