

City of Chelsea

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Dec 13, 2016
5:00 PM – Public Library

Attendance:

BOH: Christopher Miller (Chair), Catherine Maas, and Madeleine Scammell.
Luis Prado (Agent/HHS), Paula McHatton (public health nurse/HHS).
Absent: Emmanuel Tellez and Dean Xerras.

Guests: City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Ruben Rodriguez (Missionary/Outreach worker/Navigator), Dr. Chen-Cheung, MD (MGH), Bob Repucci (CAPIC).

Public Comment: Presentation by CAPIC/MGH activities re. housing and homeless. Stemmed from work with people with addiction. Working with numerous agencies (CAPIC, North Suffolk Mental Health Services, MGH, Chelsea Police, Healthy Streets mobile clinic,) to provide “wrap around services” detox, housing, health care and job opportunities. They are also getting assistance from Healthcare for the Homeless. City Council has dedicated a lot of money from this city to this problem, including trying to ascertain the exact nature of the homeless population in the city. City is paying with navigators via a contract with North Suffolk. Reentry is a real challenge too. BOH members asked many questions and thanked presenters for their work in the City. They are also coordinating with Paula re. flu shot clinics for the homeless.

Public Health Nurse Report: Welcome to new Public Health Nurse who comes to us from Lowell. Paula presented her communicable disease report for November and the board discussed the format of future reports. She also described plans for flu clinics at city hall.

Minutes: Luis needs to provide minutes from January and April.
Minutes from September 2016 approved.

Next mtg: Tuesday January 10, 2016
5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine Scammell