



# Town of Danvers Board of Health

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## Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2022

All members of the Board were in attendance and staff members Judith Ryan, Public Health Nurse; Frank Giacalone, Director of Public Health and Alicia Linehan, Clerk.

### 1. Administrative

- a) Notice of the meeting as posted by the Town Clerk
- b) No Minutes to approve

### 2. Environmental Health

#### 2.1 Pigmenta (Tattooing age requirement for school program)

Julia Dziuk of Pigmenta explained the tattoo practitioners training program, within her establishment and licensed by the state. The state contacted Danvers Public Health because Danvers regulations states that no one unlicensed and under 21 years of age can tattoo, but some of these students are 18 years of age.

The program is a two-part program. The course consists of a 1 hour Zoom orientation; 35 hours of an online guided book course; 60 hours of in-person class and 4 hours of a final totaling 100 hours. One hundred hours is required in most states to be licensed therefore the school follows this model.

The second portion is an apprenticeship program which is a year-long. This entails teacher to student training and working with models. A student can only take this portion if they have completed the 100 hours.

In Boston, a student must complete a total of 300 hours to obtain a license. Most of the surrounding cities and towns follow Boston's requirements.

Pathogens and CPR Certification is required from each student before even entering the classroom.

The Board is being asked to either approve or decline tattooing of models for students enrolled in this program who may be unlicensed and under the age of 21 years of age.

The Board was very impressed with the curriculum.

Motion: A motion is made to allow Pigmenta as a body art school to enroll students with the minimum age of 18 years of age. All in favor



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### 2.2 Plumbing Variances notifications

Anything involved with plumbing goes through a State Plumbing Board. So, when a licensed plumber wants to apply for a variance through the State Plumbing Board, the state requires approval from the local Board of Health stating that they have been notified. This is not approval by the Board, just a notification. However, if there is some concern then this would be communicated to the State Plumbing Board.

The two variance requests are replacing tubs with walk-in showers. To install a 2" it requires a lot of digging, time, and money. The Danvers Plumbing Inspector approves of the 2" drain.

2.2.1 1 Abington Road (Variance to keep 1-1/2" tub drain (2" code requirements)

2.2.2 117 Liberty Street (Variance to keep 1-1/2" tub drain (2" code requirements)

The Board has been notified and places the expertise on the Danvers Plumbing Inspector.

### 2.3 City Smoke Shop, fulfillment of 7-day suspension

To comply with the violation, rather than remove all products from the shelf for 7 days, the store was closed for an entire week.

### 2.4 Blue Smoke (Seeking tobacco license, none are available)

Public Health was contacted by applicant's attorney requesting public records for the number of applicants that had applied before and after the client had applied. The applicant was told that there were no available permits but chose to apply anyway and proceeded to sign a lease in Danvers. The attorney was provided with the requested information and told that there weren't any permits available.

## 3. Public Health Services

### a) Infectious Disease/Covid Update

Infectious disease

Campylobacteriosis – 1 (out of the country)

Giardiasis – 1, not able to get in touch with but in the hospital

Haemophilus – 1, this is in the individual's eye.



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Hepatitis B – 1

Hepatitis C – 1

Influenza cases – 46; 7 cases received today and not one B received to date. 5 out of the 7 were vaccinated.

Lyme disease – 3

Novel Coronavirus – 110 confirmed; 7 probables

Tuberculosis – 2 cases that will be doing direct observation treatment

Varicella – 1 probable

Covid cases

Total of 118 cases

February to March 3<sup>rd</sup> – it was BA 1.1; Starting on March 7<sup>th</sup> were the BA 2 (3 were sequenced)

### b) Public Health Nurse Report

Nurses are looking into holding booster clinics for the North Shore communities.

Ryan serves on the Advisory Board at Recovery Centers of America, and will be working with the new director, Kat Stevens, on infection control.

Danvers Cares is planning Light the Night Purple Walk on May 4<sup>th</sup> for addiction awareness.

Blood pressure clinics will be held once a week at the Senior Center, 25 Stone Street.

A Narcan order has been submitted to replace those at the schools nearing the expiration date. Ryan will be conducting training. In the past they were distributed to residents, who also received training. But the focus right now is only on the schools.

Part of renewing Ryan's nursing license is training. She will be conducting Dementia training, training peers, at the Senior Center.

Ryan will be attending the annual Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses (MAPHN) conference in May. This year's focus is on mental health.

Ryan is on the executive committee for the third coalition, emergency preparedness. She will be reviewing the plan and editing if necessary. Covid response will be this year's topic. The contact list also needs to be revised.



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#### 4. General Board of Health Discussion/Updates

Great Rock Church on Andover Street has a huge lumber operation. They are shipping in trees from other states and cutting them behind the Rose Court Condominiums. A letter was sent to them through Town Counsel on behalf of the Health, Building and Planning Departments. An article was featured in the local newspaper with quotes by the pastor stating that the town is not being fair to them.

Giacalone's experience with abandoned homes is that he can contact the Attorney General and get the receivership program running if there is no response from the owner. However, it must have visible violations, such as broken windows, cracks in the foundation, etc. A call came into Public Health that the land has been vacant for a year. But when inspected, the property is well cared for and in perfect condition.

No new applicants for the Inspector position. But there are three candidates from previous pool who Human Resources will reach out to.

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 7:16pm

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Frank Giacalone  
Director of Public Health