



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH

**PATRICIA L. ANDRADE, M.D.
CRAIG LONGO, M.D.
SARAH MORRIS, M.D.**

**SANDRA J. MANNING
ACTING DIRECTOR**

APPROVED MINUTES

A public meeting of the Board of Health was held on October 3, 2017 in the Health Department conference room, 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

Present: Patricia Andrade, M.D., Chairperson
Craig Longo, M.D., Member
Sarah Morris, M.D., Member (Absent)

Also Present: Sandra Manning, Acting Director of Public Health

CALL TO ORDER

1. Dr. Andrade called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Andrade called roll with herself and Dr. Craig Longo. Dr. Andrade called for a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 11, 2017.

MOTION: by Dr. Longo to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 11, 2017. **SECONDED:** Dr. Andrade. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

ACTION

2. Board of Health interviewing of Damon O. Chaplin for the position of Public Health Director with the New Bedford Health Department.

Issue has been tabled until next Board of Health Meeting.

3. Plot 123 Lot 42 North Side of Nash Road, Request for Hearing Re: Minimum Housing Violation Order #40569; Revere Copper Products, Inc., owner 24 No. Front St., New Bedford, Craig Romanowitz representing company; Carlos Gonzalez Sanitarian, present.

Carlos Gonzalez appeared before the board stating inspection was done in July 2017 found a homeless encampment, homeless people living on his property. The owner was contacted and a follow up inspection was done in August 2017. The day that follow up inspection was done the owners were cleaning property. Everything was corrected. We see no further issues with Revere Copper Products, Inc.

Mr Romanowitz, plant engineer for Revere Products appeared before the board and stated he is happy that this has been resolved and thanks the board for bringing to their attention the matter of homeless people living on Revere property in an unsanitary condition. Revere and I want to keep good relations with the city. He has one request that we receive a written compliance letter sent to them.

Dr. Andrade state we definitely will send a written notice and state that the issue is closed.

4. 31 Union St., Request for Hearing Re: Request for license Body Art Piercing License; Establishment: New Bedford Tattoo Co.; Rachel Ann Garnett, applicant, 67 Orleans St., New Bedford, MA; Val Garnett, owner, Gail Joseph, Sanitarian, not present, Carlos Gonzalez, Sanitarian, present.

Carlos Gonzalez explained that there are no issues with her receiving apprentice license.

Rachel Ann Garnet appeared before the Board applying for Body Art Practitioner Apprentice license for New Bedford Tattoo Co.

MOTION: by Dr. Longo to grant Rachel Ann Garnett a license for Body Art Piercing Apprentice at New Bedford Tattoo Co. on 31 Union St. **SECONDED:** Dr. Andrade. All in favor.
MOTION CARRIES

5. 83 Seymour St., Request for Hearing Re: Minimum Housing Violation Order #40607; Sean Hargraves, owner 83 Seymour St., New Bedford; Sofia Piedade, Sanitarian, present;

Sandy stated that Sofia Piedade should be here in about 10 minutes. Sandy stated Sofia went by the property today and bird houses were gone.

Mr. Hargraves read his letter to us regarding the issue of birdfeeder and bird seed spillage from repeated complaint calls from Mayor's office.

Sandra Manning stated all we ask is that he keeps the area of bird feeder clean and if possible put some kind of tray under the bird feeder to prevent any animals that come around and feed off the spillage on ground. She also explained to the neighbor that a lot of issues had been taken care of and if we did not find any harborage for rodents then we could not right up a correction order regarding that matter but we explained to neighbors that if they could maintain the area then there wouldn't be no cause for harborage.

Dr. Andrade commented that first a citizen has the right to put a bird feeder on their property and second as a citizen you do have to be aware of what you're doing on property and third that you cannot control wild animals outside.

Dr. Longo also stated he thinks it is important to investigate any kind of complaints and if there are signs of rodents obviously it needs to be addressed but this is not the case here.

Sofia Piedade appeared before the board and stated the neighbor is mostly concerned about the pigeons and at this point there are only three still in area there use to be more.

Dr. Andrade stated we addressed this problem today and that this is a closed issue.

6. 1881 Acushnet Ave., Request for Hearing Re: Request for license Body Art Practitioner License; Establishment: North Atlantic Tattoo; Ethan Pimental, applicant, 49 Coulombe St., Acushnet, MA; Jason Audette, owner, Gail Joseph, Sanitarian, not present, Carlos Gonzalez, Sanitarian, present.

Carlos Gonzalez explained that there are no issues with him receiving license.

Ethan Pimental appeared before the Board applying for Body Art Practitioner license for North Atlantic Tattoo Co.

MOTION: by Dr. Longo to grant Ethan Pimental a license for Body Art Practitioner at North Atlantic Tattoo on 1881 Acushnet Ave. **SECONDED:** Dr. Andrade. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES**

7. 23 Robeson St. Request for Hearing Re: Minimum Housing Violation Order# 40464; George Rogers, Owner, 23 Robeson St., not present; Joshua Montella, Sanitarian, present.

Joshua Montella stated actually the issue is resolved and packet was hand delivered stating that the issue is closed.

DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING

DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION: by Dr. Andrade to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED:** Dr. Longo. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Dr. Andrade adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.



A true record attest:

Acting Director of Public Health

BOH Meeting Minutes Approved 10 / 17 / 17