

Lincoln Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 20, 2018
Donaldson Room, Town Offices

Members Present: Frederick Mansfield, MD
Steven Kanner, MD
Patricia Miller

Others Present: Stan Sosnicki, Asst. Public Health Director and Elaine Carroll, Adm. Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The next scheduled meetings will be on August 1, 2018 in the Donaldson Room. Patricia Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2018 meeting as amended. Fred Mansfield seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Well Regulation:

The members reviewed the final draft for the Well Regulation after a legal notice appeared in the Lincoln Journal for two weeks. Under 7.04 (2) the words “The plan shall include the location and” was added to the first sentence. Under 7.06 (C) the first sentence was removed. Under 7.06 (D) change the words “allowed to have” and replace with “approved with”. Under 7.07 (B) add “following the stabilization of the pH, temperature and specific conductance in the pumped well”. Stan will make the corrections and forward to the members. Steve Kanner made a motion to approve the new Well Regulation as amended. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Nurse:

Maureen Richichi came before the members to give them the current quarterly report on communicable diseases in Lincoln. This was a slow period especially for Lyme disease but she expects the next quarter will be busier. Maureen also came before the members to introduce Trish McGean who will be the new Town nurse. Trish said she has lived in Town for 25 years and has worked in the home care industry for 22 years and with the COA for 5 years. She said she is comfortable going to peoples’ houses visiting with them. The Town voted a budget of \$14,000 at Town Meeting for her and Tim Higgins has signed a one year contract starting July 1, 2018. Carolyn Bottum of the COA will be administering the program. Trish does communicable disease reports in three other towns and sees no problem in addition one more quarterly report for Lincoln. Some of her duties will be to run a flu clinic, home health visits and wellness clinic. She already runs a wellness clinic where people go to have their blood pressure done and to also talk about any other problems they may be having. Maureen said this is a wonderful start but is hoping that more hours can be added in the future. Maureen will be leaving the school on Tuesday but will be the Town nurse until July 1, which is the start of the contract for Trish. A nurse from Hanscom will take over Maureen’s school nursing position. Between Lincoln and Hanscom, there are 4 nurses available to switch back and forth and feels that this should be a smooth transition. Maureen said Carolyn was very instrumental in getting this pushed through with Tim Higgins, the Finance Commission and Town Meeting. Maureen also said that a school physician has been found and wanted to thank Dr. Kanner for filling in during the interim. Abby Butt has been a very enthusiastic addition to the COA in finding out who needs help. There is a new software system being used at the COA where volunteers provide their information. They swipe a card every time they use a service and they can keep track of any problems including needing food stamps or help in some other way. The information on the card is for COA staff only. The members thanked Maureen for all her help and wished her well in her retirement.

Other Business:

Marijuana Study Committee – Dr. Kanner brought the members up to date on the study committee after a meeting this morning. They have been exploring all of the options involved. According to the survey sent out, which included do nothing, retail sales, processing or growing, over 60% of the respondents voted for no marijuana at all, which is not a two-thirds vote. Dr. Mansfield said that there is no place for retail sales in Town since it seems that we cannot even support a coffee shop. There will be a Special Town Meeting on October 20, which will involve three articles: Article 1 – vote to extend moratorium; Article 2 – vote on proposed full ban; and Article 3 – vote to indicate preferences on partial ban alternatives. They will be exploring what option would get the two-thirds vote needed, which may be for agricultural. Dr. Kanner said that some towns have had the Board of Health weigh in pro or con. The Board of Health in Concord passed a ban on all sales of marijuana. Do we

want to weigh in as a board and make a presentation? There could be a problem of keeping the young children away if there is a retail shop here. We could take a stand that the Board has a continuing problem in keeping our youth away and keep active sales out of Lincoln. There are different laws for medical and recreational sales. Dr. Kanner asked Stan to circulate the Concord Board of Health statement to the members.

Eliot Community Human Services Contract – Dr. Mansfield signed the new contract, which expires on June 30. Carolyn Bottum had asked Eliot if they could come to Lincoln Woods to see people who were either emotionally or physically unable to go to the office to seek treatment. Deborah Garfield of Eliot wanted to know if the members would approve some of the contract money to be used for visits to Lincoln Woods and the COA. Patricia Miller made a motion to use some of the \$5,000 funds set aside for Eliot to be used as a pilot program for clinics at Lincoln Woods and the COA. Steven Kanner seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Bills Paid – Eliot Community Human Services for 4th quarter - \$1,250 and Staples for \$237.13.

There being no further business, Fred Mansfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patricia Miller seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Elaine M. Carroll