

March 26, 2025

The Newton Advisory Board of Health held a regular meeting on the above date at 6:00 p.m. Present were Dr. Nancy Craddock, Dr. John Craddock, Dr. Beatriz Bueno, Mr. Bill Hagamann, and Mrs. Teresa A. Oswin, BOH Secretary. Najah Davenport, Health Inspector from the Sussex County Board of Health was also present.

Mrs. Oswin made the following declaration that "in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this regular meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on January 5, 2024."

Upon motion of Dr. N. Craddock, seconded by Mr. Hagaman and carried, the minutes of September 25, 2024 Regular meeting were unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business to discuss: None.

Under New Business, a motion was made by Dr. N. Craddock, seconded by Dr. J. Craddock and carried, Dr. Bueno was selected as Chairperson by a unanimous vote. The Board then reviewed the Sussex County Health Violations. Dr. Bueno wanted to know the process for testing birds for the bird flu. She had a sick bird in her yard, Animal Control captured it, but she was concerned they didn't test for bird flu.

Dr. N. Craddock questioned the water pollution complaint for 91 Mount View. Mrs. Oswin explained this was related to a new septic system for a new house. They were advertising it would be six (6) bedroom, but the septic was only approved for four (4) bedroom. Zoning and Construction were notified. The matter has been rectified. Dr. N. Craddock questioned the numerous calls to 99 High Street. Ms. Davenport explained there was a small leak that was resulting in a "sewage" smell in the house. The matter has resolved.

After a brief discussion on the information provide, Mrs. Oswin offered to forward via email the monthly SC Health Reports to the members when she receives them to alleviate having to send large files for the meetings.

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Mrs. Oswin an update on Animal Control. She has issued 473 dog licenses, 172 cat licenses.

Mrs. Oswin then reviewed the restaurants/businesses that have either changed ownership or are new which include: Releaf Newton, which is a Cannabis Dispensary. The Board had few questions on the number of cannabis retailers in the Town. Mrs. Oswin explained there is only one currently operational. There are two more possible locations that the Town has lent support for. Mrs. Oswin did explain our Town Code does limit the number permitted and their locations in Town.

The correspondence from the NJDEP was reviewed, and Mrs. Oswin answered the Board's questions as best as she could.

Mrs. Oswin opened the meeting to the public. There being no one from the public to be heard, the meeting was closed to the public.

Mrs. Oswin asked if there were any comments from the Board. Dr. Craddock and Dr. Bueno said they are looking forward to receiving the SC Health reports monthly.

Upon motion of Dr. John Craddock seconded by Mr. Bill Hagamann and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa A. Oswin, RMC  
Board of Health Secretary