



# TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

## MEETING MINUTES July 16, 2020

### ATTENDEES:

**BOARD MEMBERS:** J. Picco, DDS, President; T. Hills, DVM, Vice President; J. Raftis, DO, FACEP; M. Hawley, RN, BSN; W. Standinger III, Legislator, E. Haray-Butcher MS, CHES

**ABSENT:** R. Kapur-Pado, DO; T. Nytych, DVM; K. Millar, CRNA

**STAFF:** L. McCafferty, R.S., MPH, Public Health Director

Call to Order: 7:34 a.m.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

Daniel Scherrer, Environmental Health Sanitarian

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

None

### OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Meeting Minutes: Minutes of June 18, 2020 meeting were sent electronically to members for review. Motion to approve minutes; all in favor, motion passed.
- 2) No enforcements.

### PRESENTATION

Mr. Scherrer provided a broad overview of Tioga County potable water supplies and water systems.

- Ground Water Rule aimed to reduce risk of fecal coliform contamination in Public Water Supplies that use groundwater; made up of four components: Sanitary Survey, Source water monitoring, corrective actions, compliance monitoring.
- Lead and Copper Rule to protect public by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water
  - Mostly seen in older homes with lead/copper piping and lead fixtures.
  - Public Health education to the public through Healthy Neighborhood program, to explain how to make home safe.
- Tioga Public Health water testing for 2020 includes: Healthy Neighborhoods, spill testing, Brown Zone Testing (pushed to 2021 due to COVID-19), Taylor Garbage Fire, and Richford Water Survey.
  - County Residents can get any kind of water test through Public Health, if requested.
- Dr. Picco questioned the old main line piping in the area and how to regulate if contaminated.
  - Ex. of this is Village of Candor's old piping which, through the help of water grants, is in the process of updating its piping.
  - Also regulated by monitoring every three years, or according to sample schedule.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to adopt July 7, 2020 final draft By-Laws:
  - Motion to approve made by Dr. Hills, seconded by Dr. Raftis, all in favor to adopt final draft By-Laws.
  - Approved By-Laws will be mailed to members of the Board.
- Letter of Appreciation for Public Health staff approved by Board, all verbally agree to affix their names in lieu of Board members' signatures.

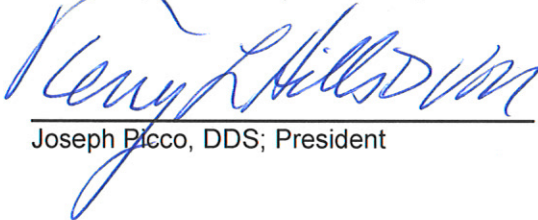


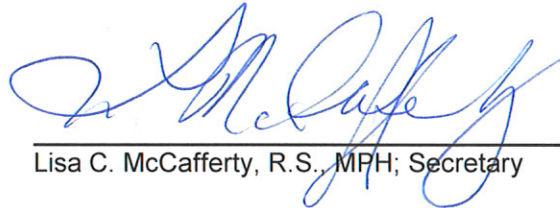
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### INFORMATIONAL

- Ms. McCafferty reviewed June 2020 Agency Report, featuring the:
  - Health Education Wellness Document
  - Resuming normal Public Health business: animal bites, food service establishment inspections, Cooling Towers, “normal” communicable disease, water testing
- Dr. Hills informed the Board to be suspicious of any nocturnal animals that are out during day when asked why we are seeing an abnormal amount of wildlife out in daylight and if we should be suspicious; may not be related to Rabies, but other diseases (ex. raccoons and Canine Distemper).
- Ms. McCafferty updated the Board on COVID-19
  - In Tioga County still seeing a majority of cases associated with healthcare entities.
  - Increase in quarantine numbers due to new guidance on travelers.
  - We are receiving complaints regarding travelers, large gatherings, lack of mask-wearing.
    - If we regulate the facility we can enforce. If we do not, complaint gets passed to Martha Sauerbrey, Legislative Chair for Tioga County, and Sheriff Gary Howard..
  - We are not seeing a lot of cases associated with large community gatherings.
  - COVID-19 drive-through testing sites located at Binghamton University, Ithaca Mall, and Guthrie. Antibody testing sites are State run, held at pop-up locations, and are not announced.
  - Answers are changing daily; we are doing the best we can with ever evolving, conflicting guidance.
- Board members wished a farewell to Supervising Public Health Nurse, Barbara Bilbrey, who is leaving July 17th.
  - Jessica Lovell will be taking over the supervisory position.
- Reminder no August meeting scheduled, will reconvene in September.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.; Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa McCafferty.  
Minutes approved September 17, 2020:

  
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Joseph Picco, DDS; President

  
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Lisa C. McCafferty, R.S., MPH; Secretary