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many more millions who live in fear of getting trapped in homelessness?" Kidder expressed his conviction that he did not expect to see the end of homelessness in his own lifetime, nor was the book intended to solve such a complex and systemic problem.

What the author set out to do in "Rough Sleepers" was to "create an incarnation of the problem," and in this way to raise a class of people out of their chronic invisibility. By engaging with individuals, learning their histories, and calling them by their names Kidder learned to re-humanize this dehumanized group of people.

The book is as much about the homeless as it is a tribute to Dr. Jim O'Connell, a physician who found his life's calling in serving people in the streets of Boston by improving their lives through the functional and creative health care system he championed. Even if such health care does not eradicate the problem, it goes a long way in ameliorating some profound human suffering in our midst. "This is what we do while we're waiting for the world to change," Kidder quotes Dr. O'Connell as saying.

Kidder first met Dr. O'Connell in 2014 as a guest on his state-funded outreach van that scoured the streets of Boston on routine nightly visits to bandage wounds, administer drugs, offer basic mental health care, and some soup to the city's most vulnerable population. The doctor's team had developed a track-



(Turley Publication Photo by Christal Whelan)

A cultural hub, the Odyssey Bookshop hosts author visits and book launches.

ing system, shelter-based clinics, and a respite hospital with 104 beds. But all of this was only workable by winning the trust of the scattered community of homeless people. Ultimately, Kidder spent five years following Dr. O'Connell on his visits throughout the city. The experience changed his attitude. No longer was he the person to hand over a \$20 bill while turning his head in the opposite direction.

He learned to look each person in the eyes and call them by name.

Dr. Jim O'Connell grew up as a gifted working-class kid who set academic records at his schools. He was salutatorian of his class at Notre Dame. He later attended Harvard Medical School and then embarked on a prestigious three-year residency program at the Massachusetts General Hospital. But just as he was all set to begin a fellowship at Sloan Kettering in New York City, the chief of medicine asked him if he would defer the fellowship and instead help them in creating a

healthcare system for Boston's homeless people.

That was in 1985 and homelessness was rising across the country; emergencies rooms were flooded with people who had neither homes nor doctors. Dr. O'Connell felt compelled to "give back" to the great hospital that had trained him and taught him how to take care of people. Although he had committed to only one year in order to launch "The Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program," when that year ended, he remained unsatisfied; there was still a lot more to be done. The doctor signed up for another year and let go of the prestigious fellowship in New York.

Since then, four decades have passed and Dr. O'Connell is still at work in the streets of Boston. In the masterly book on the doctor's extraordinary life, Kidder introduces the many people who shaped him into a skillful and generous doctor of a specialty he once referred to "disaster medicine." Chief among them is the nurse Barbara McInnis, with whom he worked at the clinic in the Pine Street Inn, the city's largest homeless shelter. She taught him how to listen to patients, many of whom had been traumatized in hospitals and even at the hands of doctors. During his first few months of working there, she also had him soak patient's feet, which served two purposes. Not only was examining feet an excellent diagnostic in determining general health, but trust between doctor and patient grew through this intimate exchange. "Rough Sleepers" is an important book for sharpening one's moral compass and imagining what a better and more compassionate world might look like.

Job Connection

HELPING YOU FIND HELP

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT HEALTH INSPECTOR - FULL TIME

The Quabbin Health District, a MGL Chapter 111, Section 27A District comprised of the towns of Belchertown, Pelham, and Ware is accepting applications for a full time, benefitted, Health Inspector Position.

POSITION OVERVIEW: To promote and protect the public health of our residents through the enforcement of state and local public health laws and regulations as well as providing public health education. Inspectional and technical work related to the enforcement and interpretation of public health, sanitation and environmental laws and regulations for the Quabbin Health District, which serves the Towns of Pelham, Belchertown, and Ware. Essential Duties and Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Performs assignments of a diverse nature requiring professional and technical judgment in the areas of Public Health and Environmental Health Protection Laws.
- Performs inspections and takes appropriate actions concerning all establishments and facilities licensed by the Health departments, including but not limited to, food establishments, rental housing, body art establishments, tanning facilities, bathing beaches, swimming pools, recreational camps for children, and lead paint determinations.
- Investigate and take actions relative to complaints of violations of local and state rules and regulations and conduct general inspections in the interest of protecting the public and environmental health.
- Pursues legal action when appropriate and necessary to enforce codes and regulations to obtain compliance.
- Performs any other duty as needed to protect the public and environmental health.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in public health or related field; two – three years of experience; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license. Proper donning and use of personal protective equipment may be required.

Specific Certifications for Inspections: or must obtain within 1 year of hire:

- MA Soil Evaluator
- MA Title 5 System Inspector
- Lead Inspector or Determinator DPH
- ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification
- Certified Pool Operator
- MA PHIT related trainings & certifications
- MA Board of Registration – Registered Sanitarian License or must obtain within 6 years of hire.
- LPHI Foundations Course or must obtain within 18 months of hire.

This is a full time 37.5 hours/week, benefitted position. Starting salary range depending on qualifications and experience is \$59,785.90 - \$64,382.88.

For a full job description please visit <http://quabbinhealthdistrict.com> for more information, or to apply for the position please send a request or resume with cover letter to Administrative Assistant, Betty Barlow. Email to bbarlow@townofware.com or mail to Quabbin Health District ATTN: Betty Barlow; 126 Main Street, Ware MA, 01082.

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The South Hadley Conservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL Chapter 131, Section 40 and the South Hadley Wetlands Bylaw (Chapter 240 General Bylaws), to consider a Request for Determination filed by the South Hadley School Department to install footing drains and repair existing drainage along the east side of the school within buffer zone at 153 Newton St (Map 17 Parcel 15).

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the Request for Determination is on file in the

Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday thru Friday. Plans are also available online at www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Neva Tolopko
Conservation Chair
04/28/2023

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