

**Minutes Board of Health Meeting
March 4, 2010**

Present: Rich Maccagnano, Pat Duffey, Ken Lefebvre, Ann McCobb
Rich called the meeting to order 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Rich made a motion to approve the February 18, 2010 minutes as presented. Seconded by Pat and approved unanimously.

Ethics Changes

All members report having completed the necessary information and submitting it to Jackie Dellicker, Town Clerk.

Expedited Permitting Process

Rich and Ann plan to attend the meeting tomorrow with Paul LeBeau and members of the Zoning, Planning and Con Com.

Administrative Items

Charles River Pollution Control will accept waste water from Holliston, Sharon and Weston. Ann will give our list of haulers to them so they can be notified of the change. If they are not planning on notifying the haulers, Ann will notify those who are listed with us.

Metrowest Community Health Care Foundation: There is between 20k and 50k available. Paul met with Town administrators from the other towns involved. Rich expressed concern about going after this money as he feels the projects would not be sustainable in view of our lack of discretionary money. Ken and Pat will attend the grant bidders conference on Thursday March 11th between 2 and 4 and report back at the next meeting.

Pesticide Brochures: Ann has placed the brochures back on the counter as the season is approaching when people will begin treating their lawns.

Local Waste water site disposal regulations: Ann is working on them and will present her suggested changes to the Board when she is ready.

Budget

Ann presented each member with a large packet of material to review for the budgeting process. Pat protested that she would have liked to receive this in advance so she could review it but Rich said there was still time. Pat again asked to change the meeting with the Finance committee as she will not be able to attend on that date. Rich felt that also would not be necessary as the budget will already be determined by the date of the Finance committee. The liaisons of the Finance committee will be invited to attend the next BOH meeting to answer any questions at that time.

Ann and Rich worked on a budget draft and presented it to the BOH for their review. In this budget the primary change was to decrease the money in the food inspection line significantly. The reasoning was that many of the establishments are low risk and do not require two inspections per year. This approach calls for Ann to assume responsibilities for those low risk establishments. It was also proposed

that an additional permitting fee should be considered if there was a violation and the inspector needed to return. Rich felt that the BOH employees are very important and that taking care of them with their 3% COL increase should be a priority.

Pat was concerned about cutting the food inspection line item. She feels that if anything the local establishments need more inspections rather than fewer. Pat also agrees that the BOH employees are very important and would certainly be in favor of increasing their pay if the money was available. However in the current economy, Pat feels that a COL increase is not supportable and irresponsible. It does not seem right to her to decrease the food inspections budget in order to give the employees a raise.

Ken feels that perhaps there could be some solution in the middle.

Rich directed each member to work on their version of the budget and bring it to the next meeting. Each line item will be discussed and a budget will be approved by the majority of the board at that time.

Motion made by Rich to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. seconded by Ken and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Duffey, R.N.

Approved: 3-18-10