

**Minutes Board of Health Meeting
Special meeting March 10, 2010**

Present: Rich Maccagnano, Pat Duffey, Ken Lefebvre, Ann McCobb
Rich called the meeting to order 11:15 a.m.

This meeting was called to order by Rich who desired to meet to discuss the gift certificates that Pat had collected as a member of the Holliston Business Association to be used as drawing gifts at tonight's meeting where the BOH would be thanking those who volunteered to staff the flu clinics. Last week Ann had expressed concern to Pat about the appearance of impropriety. Pat told Ann at that time that she would bring the certificates in to the office and Ann could return them. Ann did not want the certificates in the office. She asked Pat to contact Jackie Dellicker. Pat discussed the issue with Jackie Dellicker and it was agreed that Pat would contact the State Ethics Commission for an opinion. Pat obtained an opinion and forwarded it to Jackie and Ann. The opinion stated that the gift certificates did not need to be returned as they were collected as a member of the HBA and did not specifically target those facilities that the BOH permits.

Rich felt that despite the ruling of the State Ethics Commission, the certificates should be returned since the BOH permits all septic systems. Pat pointed out that many of the merchants rent their facilities and are therefore not regulated in any way by the BOH. Pat asked for Ken's opinion. Ken felt that we should err on the side of caution and return the gift certificates. Pat agreed but did not feel that she as a volunteer should have to return the certificates. She felt that the staff, who are paid, should write a letter to the merchants and return the certificates to them.

Rich strongly disagreed and told Pat that they were her certificates and she needed to take them with her. He suggested that if she didn't want to keep them she could turn them into Jackie Dellicker or bring them to the Police Station.

Motion: Rich made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 seconded by Pat and approved unanimously.

Pat brought the gift certificates with her.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Duffey, R.N.

Approved: 3-18-10