

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2013

Present: Rich Maccagnano, Eric Dickinson and Ann McCobb. Rich called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Karen McManamon joined the meeting at 7:20.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Bills

The following bills were approved and signed:

Legal - Mayer	\$217.50
Camera Battery reimbursement	\$12.99
Signicade cellophane reimbursement	\$3.21

Health Director's Report

Air Quality Complaints: Air quality complaints in the Noel Drive and Boulder Road area have picked up recently. These are chronic complaints generally revolving around the schedules of the industry on Lowland Street. Michelle Delmarre of the DEP is aware of the situation and Ann McCobb is working with her.

Taste of Holliston: Taste of Holliston is scheduled for Sunday 4/7/13 from 1:00 – 4:00pm at the Holliston Historical Society. Food Inspector Len Izzo is planning on attending. There are 21 food vendors participating; 13 from Holliston and 8 from out of town. The Historical Society takes responsibility for the permitting. No individual permits are issued and no one is selling food only giving samples.

Covanta: There were 3 radiation incidents this week at Covanta; Monday - outbound, Tuesday - inbound, and Wednesday - inbound. They were all handled properly. The outbound item was isolated and held and the inbound loads were rejected.

Flu Vaccine: Sanofi Pasteur offered early reservation for flu vaccine and we confirmed 300 doses. A discussion ensued and the Board decided they would like to up the order by 100 additional doses.

Karen McManamon joined the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Rich Maccagnano and seconded by Eric Dickinson to approve the 3/21/13 Regular Session minutes. All in favor.

The Board accepted the Executive Session minutes 5/3/1999, 9/7/1999, 10/4/1999, 10/18/1999, and 11/15/1999. None of the current members of the Board were on the Board of Health at the time so the Board agreed to accept the minutes by consensus.

Soil Evaluator: Eric Dickinson contacted the State Ethics commission regarding a possible Board of Health contribution to his soil evaluator requirements. Attorney David Wilson told Eric he did not think it was a good idea for the Board to contribute. It could set up a potential conflict since Eric would be benefitting personally.

Beavers: Ann McCobb wrote a response to Janice Miller's Emergency 10-Day application. Her application did not qualify as an emergency by the State laws for Board of Health action. Rich Maccagnano said he felt Ann's response was appropriate but if the issue comes up again the following should be highlighted:

1. The issue was on the Massachusetts state ballot in 1996 with 56 % voting in favor of humane treatment of beavers;
2. Information given to voters' states that illegal traps, which grab an animal's body, can only be used in an emergency and legal traps must be used first.

Ann stated that lethal traps have been used in Holliston at the Avery Dennison site. The site is fairly isolated, not in the proximity of other neighbors, and a fire safety issue had been identified as a result of beaver activity.

Ann met with the trapper Janice Miller hired. He was extremely knowledgeable and holds contracts with the State. He looked for roadway and culvert cracking and he did not mention any property flooding. Rich spoke with him and he offered to come to the meeting. Rich and the Board agreed that if they were facing a valid emergency it would be valuable to have him but it is not necessary now since there is nothing for the Board to act on at this time.

Health Director's Report continued

Region 4A Funding: With funds from Region 4A we were able to purchase a defibrillator and cabinet for the lower level Town Hall. Fire Chief Cassidy and Technology Director Chuck Corman installed it outside conference room 014. We also purchased 2 large sandwich boards for use during clinics and other events.

Lions Triathlon: The Lions Triathlon was moved from early July to June 2, 2013 this year. The Board decided to begin Lake Winthrop testing early to have two weeks testing complete before the event. Lake Winthrop testing will begin 5/20/13.

Town Website: The new town website is being developed. Ann Adams set up sample pages for the Board of Health page based on Medway who currently uses this vendor. Ann McCobb has a meeting with the vendor next week. Any suggestions from the Board are welcome.

Tobacco Train the Trainer: Holliston is hosting a Train the Trainer course in tobacco retail sales to be led by Sara McColgan on Wednesday 4/24/13. The training is designed for retail managers so they can train their employees. Ann McCobb has offered an invitation to Hopkinton, Ashland, and Bellingham retailers.

Town Meeting Warrant Articles: The warrant for Town Meeting was published and the following articles are pertinent to the Board:
Article 6 – unpaid bills from prior fiscal years. The Board has none but the Selectmen have 3 from SEA that date back to 2010 for \$9k+ for the Marshall Street landfill site. Non-payment of these bills has prohibited the Board from moving forward with the consent order. The property has not been inspected and tested in over a year. The Board of Health is the responsible party for the consent order, but the Board of Selectmen hold the contract with SEA. Should the DEP choose to, they could fine the Town for each year in non-compliance. Rich Maccagnano will talk to Paul LeBeau to be sure

the bills are listed. Ann McCobb will contact Steve Wright of SEA to review contract before the Selectmen agree to it.

Article 10 – Inoculation Revolving Account.

Article 26 – Discharge on Roadway. The Board of Health is listed as an enforcer on this proposed article. The Board does get calls on this issue which Ann McCobb must investigate to determine if sewage or grey water is being discharged. When the liquid freezes it becomes a problem. The Board agreed that there are times when it may be necessary to discharge run-off to the street area to avoid flooding a septic system or a neighbor's yard. Rich Maccagnano and Ann will write something to be read at Town Meeting.

Article 27 – Finger print and Criminal History check of ice cream vendors. The Board has already issued the food permit for the one ice cream vendor truck that is received annually, Juniper Farms. If the article is approved in May, it still needs to go the Attorney General and will take 6 months to review. The Board would like more clarification on this article to effectively deal with several types of mobile food vendors.

Article 31 – by Petition, upkeep and maintenance of Winthrop Canal. This article requests a plan for the upkeep and maintenance of the Winthrop Canal. Rich Maccagnano thinks this is a great idea to support as a Board and a letter should be written in support of this article. Ann McCobb would like to see the motion to fully understand the details.

Budget FY14 Revision: A new line item for sharps collection and disposal must be added to the Board of Health FY14 budget to support the project. At the time of the Board budget vote in January statistics of the program still needed to be collected. Holliston Family Pharmacy wants to continue to participate. Approximately one box has been filled in the 2 months of the program running. Asking the Finance Committee for \$240 would allow 1 box every two months. Rich Maccagnano would like to budget for 2 extra boxes per year for potential growth of the program.

Motion: Rich Maccagnano motioned, seconded by Karen McManamon, to add \$320 to the Board of Health FY2014 budget for sharps collection and disposal. All in favor.

Ann McCobb will contact Michelle Zeamer, Finance Committee, of the Boards new adjusted total and to set up an appointment with the Committee.

Covanta: The Board accepted the O&M letter presented by Tom Stanwood of Covanta, regarding quarterly floor washing of the tipping floor and emergency overnight storage of MSW. The Board agreed that the revisions are acceptable for meeting the conditions of the site assignment. This will be monitored by the Compliance Officer.

Dunkin' Donuts: A draft Certificate of Compliance was presented by Ann McCobb and Rich Westcott with items to add to the agenda for the next meeting. Rich Maccagnano stated they were all in agreement with Rich Westcott that the operator could decide a pumping time table but first an every 2 week minimum pumping schedule must be maintained for 6 months with the new operator. Ann McCobb wants to be sure that the property owner is most accountable not the system operator.

DEP Regulatory Reform – Tight Tanks: Ann McCobb emailed Keith Buday and Brad Jackson regarding the tight tank issue notifying them of the Board discussion and questioned whether they had the services of an engineer or not. Ann asked Paul Saulnier if he was involved in the project and he said no but he was able to provide Ann with sample language for tight tank requirements to include in the letter to the DEP. The Board discussed the language and decided they liked the phrase "when no feasible solution exists" and with this it would allow them to decide who is eligible or not. The discussion continued with the agreement that the letter should acknowledge the Board's greater authority and appreciation of the DEP's effort. Ann McCobb will revise the letter and all Board members will sign it.

Lake Winthrop Report: Mike Beatty, DPH, has provided laminated "Do Not Eat the Fish" signs as requested in both English and Portuguese. The Board decided they would prefer larger metal signs. Ann McCobb will ask the Highway Department for their assistance. Rich Maccagnano cited the Conservation Commission report stating that Lake Winthrop had incredibly high levels of dioxin in the fish. He stated that the 1983 sediment testing was at a 2 ft depth and the current testing is at a 6 inch depth and the current testing shows dioxins at a rate of 16 times greater than the prior testing. The dioxin is higher in the shallow muck where people are more active; bathers, boaters and fishermen. The Board questioned whether the levels are safe for human contact and the need to find out before the season opens. They would like to have the DEP address this immediately and if they determine it unsafe then close the lake. Ann and Karen McManamon will work on the letter to the DEP to step up the urgency and strengthen the language. The Board also has concern for the well near the lake and will request the Water Department test for dioxin. Ann expressed the need for the expertise of State toxicologists.

Medical Marijuana: New medical marijuana regulations are available in draft form. The MetroWest Daily News reporter has been calling. Ann McCobb stated that she, Paul LeBeau, Karen Sherman and Chuck Katuska need to sit down and discuss the issue. Rich Maccagnano said he is not in favor of restricting it in any way.

Birth Defect Study: The current study was sent to the Board. It shows that Holliston does not exceed State levels. Ann McCobb noted that the report chose select sites in town because they were requested by residents. Other places could be searched for an environmental connection but there was not a singular location found where people live.

Smart Meters: There continues to be a resident in town who is concerned with the 'smart meters' that the Water Department installed on every dwelling. Jason Merz, DPH, could find no proof of a hazard but there are concerns that have gone to the Attorney General by petition. The Board questioned whether the resident's meter could be relocated or replaced by an analog meter.

State Budget: Ann McCobb suggested the Board put a plug in for funding at the State budget level for Public Health.

Motion: Rich Maccagnano motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15p.m. Seconded by Karen McManamon, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted:
Lisa Deering, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 4-18-13