

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2012

Present: Ken Lefebvre, Rich Maccagnano, Karen McManamon, and Ann McCobb.

Ken called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Jayne Ze'evi, of 15 Bullard Street, spoke about her concerns regarding the proposed solar power plant on Bullard Street. She is concerned about the EMF's, noise, and toxic materials. She believes that the project is fine for Holliston, but doesn't belong adjacent to a residential area.

Jayne also shared the concerns of her neighbor who has cochlear implants. This neighbor has sent the Planning Board a letter and is getting documentation from her surgeon and lawyer regarding her concerns about the impact of the solar plant to her health.

Another Bullard Street resident shared her concerns regarding the solar plant as she has pulmonary hypertension. She bought this house in 2007 because of the healthy location, and doesn't want to move. But she fears the solar plant will be detrimental to her health. She said the plant should be in an industrial area, even though it will cost the installers more money.

Ken thanked the residents for their comments.

Comment to Planning Board – Syncarpha Solar Proposal

Rich said the Board of Health's response to the Planning Board must remain within our jurisdiction. The Board discussed the scientific studies surrounding EMF's and related issues, and drafted a statement to the Planning Board. The Board took a recess while the statement was typed. The signed statement was delivered to the Planning Board that was in a concurrent meeting.

The statement is attached to these meeting minutes, and recommends that the Planning Board should consider seeking expert advice from a scientific consultant before making their final decision, since the Board of Health cannot comfortably state that this solar facility will be without risk.

Approval of Minutes: The 2/2/12 BOH Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Bills

The following bills were approved and signed:

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| Norfolk Ram Group, LLC | \$1,176.00 |
| Stericycle | \$56.91 |
| Century Health Systems | \$15.00 |
| Ann McCobb – supplies | \$16.99 |
| Don Kramer – rabies supplies | \$7.19 |

Health Director's Report

Budget FY'2013: Next year's budget was discussed and Rich requested a special meeting with the Finance Committee prior to their vote. It will be a Tuesday meeting and all Board of Health Members should plan to attend.

Town Meeting Articles must be submitted by March 12th.

Implement Sharps Disposal Program: Ann will ask Paul LeBeau about negotiating some money to implement the sharps disposal program. The State sent out a survey regarding the mandated sharps disposal law, but the July 1 date may be deferred. The Region 4A money cannot be used for sharps disposal. Sharps disposal will be put on the March 1st agenda.

Region 4A Spending Plan: Ann passed out packets to the Board outlining what the remaining Region 4A monies can be used on, and what emergency preparedness supplies we have. She requested that they come up with a spending plan by March 1st. Rich requested Ann's input on the spending plan.

Holliston Emergency Response Corps was notified of the change in the HERC domain sites. Ann may try to get Liisa Jackson to talk to the HERC volunteers to try to keep the momentum going and possibly get more members interested in being on the Executive Committee.

General:

Ann discussed the septage capacity distribution for several commercial buildings in town. There have been some trash complaints being addressed with the assistance of the absent property owner.

The Crestview housing issue is a matter for enforcement by the Condo Association.

The proposed septic plan for 7 Stagecoach Road is in a Zone 2 and will need to abide by the rules.

The Conservation Agent and Ann went to Winthrop canal as the resident of 32 Arch Street wants the canal section at his back yard dredged. The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project can respond to issues related to mosquito breeding grounds. Their Wetlands Coordinator has scheduled Feb. 24th to visit and evaluate the site.

Ann and Rich will attend the MHOA/ MassDEP Annual Seminar on March 13th.
The CDC said the flu season started late, and is here now.

Board Member Comment

None

Ken motioned to adjourn the meeting. Karen seconded, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 3-1-12