

# Board of Health Meeting Minutes

## July 14, 2011

Present: Rich Maccagnano, Ken Lefebvre, Karen McManamon, and Ann McCobb  
Ken called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

### Public Comment

None

### Approval of Bills

The following bill was approved and signed:

Northeast Stamp & Engraving \$9.94

There were 5 additional FY11 bills that were previously signed and forwarded to the Town Accountant:

G&L Laboratories \$60.00

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G&L Laboratories \$70.00

Century/VNA \$110.00

### Approval of Minutes

**A motion was made by Karen McManamon and seconded by Rich Maccagnano to approve the 6/16/2011 minutes. All in favor.**

### Contracts

**Century Health Systems:** The rates have been raised from \$55.00 to \$60.00 per hour. The last time the rates were raised was in 2008. They have been operating at a loss for the last year. Ann discussed the MAVEN system; an online system, provided by the MDPH, that will allow all lab reports, notifications and filings between the State and each Town's Board of Health for communicable disease reports. As of FY13 there will be no more mailings from the MDPH. Ann has received training materials for our review.

**A motion was made by Rich Maccagnano and seconded by Karen McManamon to accept the Century Health Systems contract effective July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. All in favor.**

**Food Inspector:** The contract with Food Inspector Len Izzo has not changed from the prior year. The Board would like to have Len attend a meeting in the near future for an update on his work.

**A motion was made by Karen McManamon and seconded by Ken Lefebvre to accept the Food Inspector contract effective July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. All in favor.**

**Health Director/Agent:** There were minor changes made in the contract of Health Director/Agent. The Town Accountant is certifying the available funds for the contract. There are changes in the dates and the annual wage. There is a change in the first paragraph stating the contract is between the Board of Health and Ann McCobb and not the Board of Selectmen, as was written in prior contracts.

**A motion was made by Ken Lefebvre and seconded by Karen McManamon to accept the Health Director/Agent contract effective July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. All in favor.**

## Health Director Report

Ann wrote a letter to Bill Harrison, manager of Pinecrest Golf Course, regarding the smoking complaints the Board has received. It is very difficult to enforce in outdoor areas. Rich suggested Ann contact the town of Sharon, which has a no smoking policy, to ask them how they handle enforcement. Ann stated that the grant money we have received can be used for this purpose and she emphasized that education is the way to go with this issue.

**Tank Analysis review:** Since 1997 in Holliston, commercial and industrial businesses are required to test their septic tanks for volatile organics. The purpose is to be certain that toxins are not being discharged into our groundwater. There area number of businesses that comply but Ann said it is a hard regulation to enforce. Rich stated that rarely anything shows up on the testing. If something does appear it is usually toluene. Rich would like to loosen the regulation because he believes it could be a financial burden for some businesses. The annual costs range between \$250.00 - \$400.00. Holliston is the only town in the vicinity that requires any testing of this nature. Rich is suggesting the Board possibly extend the time frame between testing or eliminate testing for all but Zone I and II businesses. Rich would like to lift the yearly requirement now but Ann explained that any change would require a hearing. Ken had a concern about some the data he was reviewing. It was decided that we begin the analysis by identifying all the businesses in Zone II and bring this back for discussion again.

**Beavers at Cross Street:** The 10-day emergency beaver permit expired on 6/30/11. Pat Musto, the trapper, had a death in the family and couldn't set the box trap to get the female before the permit expired. He trapped six in total. Mike Maietta is working on a long term plan. He and Alan Rutberg, Conservation Commissioner, walked the area. The fire suppression system is still compromised and the pump is flooded. The Conservation Commission has allowed the Highway department to clean all culverts necessary. Mike Callahan is coming in to evaluate the situation. Rich made a suggestion at the Conservation Commission meeting that the pump be raised in the fire suppression system.

**Hydrogeologic Study:** Bruce Jacobs has said there is a change in collecting the samples. A new company, EST Associates of Needham, has been hired and they have not been analyzing the Total and Fecal Coliform from the discharge point of the vegetated basin. It is necessary to take the sample at the next opportunity. Bruce will forward a copy of the report to Rich Westcott when it is available.

**Public Health District Incentive Grant:** The Board had agreed to be a participant until the model was developed. The Board had not fully committed to the grant due to many factors, including a lack of proximity to Acton, the host community.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Rich Maccagnano that the Board of Health has chosen to withdraw their participation in the Public Health District Incentive Grant at this time. Seconded by Ken Lefebvre. Two in favor, Karen McManamon abstained.

**Lake Winthrop:** Pleasure Point is still closed. Testing was done again this afternoon and results will be available Friday afternoon. Ann is working closely with Park & Recreation. She believes it is not a testing error but due to the large number of birds that stay on the beach.

**Open Meeting Law:** Paul LeBeau is soliciting comments on the open meeting law regarding remote participation. Comments should be sent to Paul directly.

**Flu Vaccine:** The Board has purchased 300 doses of injectable vaccine. The State has allotted Holliston the following:

150 doses: 0.5 ml, 10 dose vials for ages under 19 years

440 doses: 0.5 ml, 10 dose vials for ages 19 years and older

120 doses: 0.2 ml ampule flumist ages 2 – 18 years.

This is down from last year but is still a pretty good amount. Ann will request more from the State; the dead line is Friday 7/15/11 and we can always refuse cancel at a later date if it is not needed.

Police Chief John Moore appointed George Leurini as police liaison to the Health Department.

The Commonwealth Medicine reimbursement came in from last years flu clinics and it brings the balance in the inoculation revolving account to \$11,820.00. This can be used as incentive to pay nurses a stipend for upcoming clinics.

Upper Blackstone raised their fees from \$60.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$70.00 per 1,000 gallons. The grease rate is \$140.00 and the leachate rate is \$35.00.

A special permit is required by the Planning Board for 179 Lowland Street, ABC Rubble. It appears that this is just an operator change and the applicant knows it needs DEP approval.

Covanta had an inbound radiation incident on 7/13/11. The isotope was identified as Iodide-131. It was returned to its origin.

761-763 Washington Street: Harry Kampersal was asked to locate the components of the septic system without any intrusion. He had a difficult time finding the components and he believes the manhole cover in the parking lot is connected to the first floor. He submitted a sketch to the Board.

An Underground Injection Control Permit has been submitted to the MDEP on behalf of the Water Department for well #2. A 10'x10'x5' stone drywell will be built to service a small service sink in the pump station as well as the roof drain runoff.

Ann had to turn down a FC Spartans soccer camp this week due to an incomplete application. She was only made aware of the camp because a woman called the office and asked if they had a permit. After speaking with camp managers, Ann determined that they were indeed a camp and needed to follow the application process. She gave them every opportunity to meet the application process but they said they couldn't do it and are not operating this year.

A new subdivision was submitted to the Planning Board, Rocky Woods. Rich Wescott is reviewing it for the Planning Board and the Board of Health. Mike Graf is doing the soil testing for the Board of Health. Ann will see if Rich can attend the 7/21/11 Board of Health meeting to give his review.

Ann stated that the office has received a high influx of work, much of it from Fafard in an area originally designated as town sewer. The area was previously tested. It is totally disturbed; it has been used to stockpile and an access road has been cut through it. They are banking on the old testing. Ann is considering having Mike Graf do all the testing for them and believes it is not unreasonable to require Fafard to test every new lot that comes in.

Ann received the most recent Covanta inspection report from Melissa Kenerson and it looks good.

HERC Executive Committee: There are three potential members.

**Motion:** Rich Maccagnano moved to appoint Bill Tobin, Kathy Shore and Barbara Kattman to the HERC Executive committee. Karen McManamon seconded. All in favor.

The Board of Health will join them to get the committee started and hopefully increase their membership.

There is a four hour MA Response training in Waltham scheduled for 8/24/11. It was proposed to ask Jim Connolly if he would consider attending for the HERC.

**Karen McManamon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Rich Maccagnano seconded the motion and passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Lisa Deering**, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 7-21-11