

January 4, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, January 4, 2010. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present were: Peter DeTerra, Dolores Caton and Jeannine Lopes. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent.

Mr. DeTerra, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. He requested the minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2009 be amended or approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2009 was made by Ms. Caton; seconded by Ms. Lopes. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Catherine Mindlin, duly appointed Animal Control Officer (ACO), entered the meeting to meet the Board. She explained that she worked with the former ACO Christy Fletcher years ago and knows the animal shelter well. She recently worked at the New England Animal Hospital in Fairhaven and is well experienced in animal care. She is hoping to establish shelter guidelines and review the current volunteer list and practices for pet adoptions. Currently there are two dogs and one cat in the shelter. Mr. DeTerra as Board chairman will nominate Ms. Mindlin as the Animal Inspector and will present documentation to the State Department of Agricultural Resources for confirmation.

The Board reviewed a draft form of the annual report. The fiscal 2011 budget is due by the end of January and is being prepared by Ms. Fowle.

An H1N1 flu clinic will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Recreation Center. The clinic has been advertised and is open to anyone who wants the vaccine. The Board has over 3,000 doses available. All hands will be on deck: Community Nurses, School Nurses, St. Luke's, EMTs, COA, EMA and volunteers. It is hoped that this will be the last public clinic required as the vaccine is now widely available through many venues.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM was made by Ms. Lopes; seconded by Ms. Caton. Vote was unanimous.

Patricia Fowle, Health Agent