

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 20, 2016**

**ATTENDEES: Douglas Gelina, Member
Joan Searl, Member
Elaine Wozny, Member
Deborah Ketchen, Health Agent
Anita Wright, RN, Public Health Nurse
Lori Bentsen, Administrative Asst.**

Meeting Open: 5:45 PM

AGENDA:

Anita Wright, RN, Public Health Nurse gave the Board a status report on 2016 flu clinics. Anita told the Board that because of the availability of flu vaccine from physicians and drug stores the state is offering less and less flu vaccine to cities and towns. This year she only received 30 flu vaccine doses from the state. Due to this fact, Anita told the Board that she decided to partner with Rite Aid Pharmacy to hold flu clinics in the town hall as she has always done in previous years. Anita said she felt it was important to offer this service to our residents. Anita told the Board that our residents are accustomed to getting their flu shot here, especially the seniors and the town hall location is a convenience for them. Anita told the Board that she has scheduled five (5) flu clinics on October 11, October 19, October 26, November 3, and November 9, 2016. Anita said that three clinics will be held in the morning and two clinics will be held in the evening to accommodate everyone. Anita said she was present at the first clinic to monitor procedures, technique in shot administration and she felt everything was good. Anita told the Board she may, or may not, partner with Rite Aid next year because things change from one year to the next. Anita said she will keep the Board informed about what's going on with flu vaccine for next year.

Anita then gave the Board a report on West Nile virus for the 2016 season. Anita told the Board that we were fortunate this year with no positive human cases. Anita said we did have a mosquito test positive for West Nile virus but that species of mosquito only bites birds, animals, not humans.

Anita also informed the Board that she and Board member Gelina attended a meeting in August with the Water and Sewer Commissioners and superintendent, Tom Cusick, to discuss water safety issues. Anita told the Board that she felt the

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meeting was very informative and productive for both the Board of Health and the Water and Sewer Dept. Board member Gelina agreed.

The Board reviewed meeting minutes of June 15, 2016. The Board voted to amend the second subject for discussion to remove the property address and it was a unanimous vote. The Board voted to approve amended minutes and it was a unanimous vote.

The last item on the agenda is to vote for chairman. The Board voted Elaine Wozny, Chairman and it was a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM

Next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2016.