

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 13, 2010

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hildreth House. Members present were Jack Spero, Lorin Johnson and Tom Philippou. Also present Shanna Large (Clerk), Ira Grossman, RS, Keith Cheveralls (Harvard School Committee), Ron Ricci (Harvard Board of Selectmen), Kathy Bunnell (17 Bowers Road), and Elisa Adams (Harvard Press).

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Business was as follows:

Keith Cheveralls of Harvard School Committee – Update on Air Quality Testing

Keith appeared before the Board to discuss the air quality testing required for the K-wing at Hildreth Elementary School. At the Board's meeting in February 2010 Tom offered to have the Board review the test results in order to consider reducing the mandatory frequency of testing. At that time it was suggested that testing be moved from quarterly to twice yearly. Keith analyzed the test results and determined there were no clear trends. Additionally, no spikes or abnormal results in any of the past years testing were noted. He asked if the Board would entertain a motion to move the testing to biannually.

The Board discussed the results of Keith's research. Since the anticipated trends were not obvious Tom asked Keith to contact Occu-health, the testing company, for feedback and recommendations regarding changing the testing. Keith will report back to the Board at their next meeting and with the results of this contact. The Board stated that if there were issues regarding the safety of the occupants of the k-wing and their health, they would err on the side of caution and continue the quarterly testing. They also discussed with Keith the idea of going back to quarterly testing if after making the change to biannual testing, they ran into issues regarding the air quality. Keith agreed that this is always available.

Keith then addressed the letter from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health regarding the inspection of the Bromfield Cafeteria. He handed out an email from Chef Paul to Thomas Jefferson regarding these concerns. Many of the concerns have already been addressed, so the Board discussed the outstanding item still in question on the email. The problem stems from leaving the doors open on hot days. Ira stated that the doors would just have to be screened in to prevent access to flies, if the intent was to keep them open. He also stated that out of all of the inspections Bridget Braley does of schools, Harvard is the worst offender and she does not believe that Chef Paul is taking these issues seriously. Keith stated that he will take this issue to the superintendent let him know the concerns of Nashoba.

Tom talked to Keith about the state program available to all schools for vaccines and whether he felt the schools would be interested in participating. Ira stated that this is all available through Nashoba Nursing and he felt it would be redundant to put a new program in place. Tom said he was looking for a way to have a test run of the emergency preparedness system we have been trying to implement for the town. Keith felt that the nurses would be willing to help but they would need more information about

the process. Tom will send the information to Keith and will talk to Ira about using Nashoba as a way of implementing this plan in the future.

Ron Ricci of Harvard Board of Selectmen – Discussion regarding operating budget

Jack opened up the discussion regarding the operating budgets and how the Board can increase their budget in the future. Ron stated that the Board should start early in the year and discuss it with their finance committee liaison. If this person understands the needs of the Board and takes them back to the finance committee with plenty of time before the budget is laid out then there should be limited 'push back'. Tom stated that with the increased changes in technologies and the continued follow-up required as well as the implementation of new programs like Lymelite and Emergency preparedness, now is not the time to cut the hours and resources of the Board. The demand on the clerical staff is larger than it was in previous years and he is not sure the finance committee can appreciate the importance of these demands. Ron stated again that as a selectman, he does not put together the budget and the Board needs to contact their liaison to work out these issues well in advance of the budgeting process.

Tom also stated that repeated demands for policies and procedures have been made by the Board and its clerk, to no avail. Jack stated the Board needs to get something they can work with and needs to have some of these unstated policies explained to them. Ron stated that he would be happy to organize a meeting with the finance committee or just the Board's liaison and Lorraine Leonard to get on the same page regarding their budget, expenses and policies. The Board will work with Ron to get this meeting set up so everyone can be on the same page regarding these issues.

Lyme Disease and Tick Reduction Methods- Discussion

Ron and Lorin attended a meeting in Boxborough regarding the Deer Population Control and discussed with the Board the issues brought up at this meeting. The surrounding towns are looking at ways to control the lyme disease in their areas and are now focused on controlling the deer and mice population, specifically the white footed mouse. Boxborough is currently considering the use of poison for mouse control. They are going about this through public education and outreach and this meeting was to begin the discussion with the surrounding towns to bring awareness to others. Ron stated that he had this discussion with the school committee last night and would like to challenge the Board to take the lead in developing the outreach and education around lyme disease. Since the Board has already been advocating and hosting outreach and education programs, they agreed. Keith, Ron, and the Board discussed several ways to begin this endeavor and will be developing a strategy and task force of the next few months.

Permits signed-

Bluefin Development, LLC, Mill Road Lot 2 – Installation of a new five bedroom single family dwelling in full Title 5 compliance.

Wolfgang, 45 Woodside Road Lot 162 – Upgrade to an existing two bedroom dwelling. Installation of a 1500 gallon two compartment septic tank and a presby enviro septic leaching area.

Dahlstrom, 113 East Bare Road, Lot B – Installation of single building sewer line.

Stable Permit Applications :

Kelly Fitzsimmons, 15 Whitney Road- After reviewing the Stable Application for the the above property, Tom Philippou made a motion to approve the above stable permit application. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

John Kastelic, 197 Littleton Road- need more info regarding the location of the manure pile. We do not generally want animals grazing on the septic disposal system our sanitarian advises against it

Minutes

Jack Spero made a motion to approve the minutes of May 25, 2010 as amended. Tom Philippou seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Jack Spero made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Tom Philippou seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk

Documents reviewed at meeting:

1. Email from Chef Paul to Thomas Jefferson regarding BOH concerns at the Bromfield School Cafeteria and how these issues have been addressed.

Thomas Jefferson

From: ChefPaul <chefpaul@charter.net>
To: Thomas Jefferson <tjefferson@psharvard.org>
Cc:
Date: 07/08/10 8:13 AM
Subject: BOH follow up

Good morning Supt. T.J.-

This is in response to the foodservice inspection conducted on May 25 by Bridget Braley. I believe the recurring problem is the hair restraints.

- 1) On the previous day (the 24th) I had contacted Tom Charette from Ecolab with concerns about the rinse cycle on the dishwashing machine. He arrived after lunch on the 25th and we took apart and repaired the rinsing arms of the machine.
 - 2) We removed the shims at the HES salad bar which lowered the holding temp of the food items. These had been put in place to raise the containers in the salad bar so that shorter students could reach these items.
 - 3) Hair nets have been a recurring issue and were addressed.
 - 4) The filters of all milk coolers were vacuumed out that afternoon. This task was put onto a regular cycle.
 - 5) The exterior doors were open in the dining room on this hot day. Mark Force was made aware of this also.
- I had followed up immediately with rectifying these violations and had called the Nashoba Board of Health the next day. Ms. Braley was not available so I left a message detailing these corrective actions.

Hope that your summer is going well.

Sincerely,

Paul Correnty

Open issue
dialogue.