

**HARVARD BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2011**  
**HELD IN THE HILDRETH HOUSE AT 7:30 PM**

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**Members Present:** Jack Spero, Chairperson  
Lorin Johnson  
Tom Phillipou

**Also Present:** Ira Grossman, R.S., NABOH  
Linda Cantillon, Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Nancy Cummings, Deerfoot Trail**

Nancy Cummings, R.N. asked for time to speak concerning health-related problems from mosquitoes. Ms. Cummings has been a nurse since 1957 and has been very involved with health issues which affect children.

Ms. Cummings discussed the viewpoints of mosquito control, pro and con, and stated that she is very concerned and worried about West Nile Virus and EEE in the Town of Harvard.

Ms. Cummings gave the board information on biological larvicide (bacillus), contact information and pricing. This product can be deposited into catch basins and/or other stagnant water areas in town. Ms. Cummings stated she has spoken with the Town Administrator, the Highway Department and stressed her concerns for the health problems associated with mosquitoes. The Board asked Ms. Cummings if she had been aware that the Board held an educational/informational seminar in November; she stated she had. Ms. Cummings provided information on the product and prices. Lorin Johnson will look into other providers and speak to Dr. Teleford of Central Mass Mosquito Control for his expertise and experience with this product.

The Board reviewed the information; Mr. Grossman was familiar with the product. Mr. Johnson noted that this would be a way to move forward with some type of mosquito control. After a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons, the Board decided to place an article on the warrant.

Tom Philippou moved to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to purchase bacillus larvicide in the town's catch basins using safe handling practices; motion seconded by Lorin Johnson; vote: aye, unanimous.

### **Emergency Preparedness Coalition: EDS Drill**

A discussion took place with respect to a letter from DPH concerning a drill to test its Emergency Site operation plan. The drill is supposed to consist of the actual setup of signs and work areas of a dispensing site facility. Board members had many concerns regarding actual details.

Mr. Grossman will look into this commitment for the Board.

### **December 14, 2010 Minutes**

Jack Spero moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010 with edits; motion seconded by Tom Philippou; vote: aye, unanimous.

Jack Spero moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm; motion seconded by Lorin Johnson; vote: aye, unanimous.

Minutes submitted by Linda Cantillon

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2011.