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Minutes of March 20, 2012

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. The meeting was held in the Board of Health office on the 2nd floor of Town Hall at 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, MA.

Present were Board Members, Donald Gillis, Jennifer Butler-Rickard, Chairperson Virginia MacDonald, Health Director, Joyce Sullivan and Secretary Terri Berardinelli.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M.

Additional Topics added to Agenda:

Re: Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program Opportunity-Correspondence

Ms. Sullivan discussed correspondence received from Jackie Doane, Program Coordinator for Bay State Community Services informing us that the Mass. Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program is providing funding to communities for a new program in the efforts of tobacco prevention, cessation, industry tactics and exposure to secondhand smoke, to name a few. Ms. Sullivan felt that this would be a great (free) resource opportunity to target high school aged children and therefore forwarded the information to the School Superintendent. To date, she had not received any response from the school other than they would review it.

Board member Jennifer Butler-Rickard indicated that she would send an email or letter to the School Department endorsing this effort and imploring them to avail themselves of this free opportunity.

Re: Cigarette Making Machines-Correspondence

The Board was given correspondence from the Mass. Health Officers Assoc. regarding a memo that can be distributed to our tobacco retailers discouraging them from purchasing cigarette-making machines. The Governor's FY2013 budget includes an annual fee for anyone who has one in their establishment. A \$25,000 annual fee for a high-speed machine that can make a carton of cigarettes in 10 minutes and a \$5,000 annual for a tabletop machine that makes a pack of cigarettes. The Board felt that our local tobacco retailers should receive this memo in order to persuade them from buying one of these machines.

Agenda Items:

Re: Beach Water Quality Sampling Changes

Ms. Sullivan advised the board that she had given her consent to DPH, Bureau of Environmental Health for 5 area beaches to undergo Sanitary Surveys as these particular beaches have not had any exceedances since 2009 and therefore would be eligible for less frequent testing. The Board **voted 3-0** to approve any future changes to sampling frequency.

Re: Extermination Requirements-Demolitions

The Board was advised that when a home is being demolished we require an Extermination Plan be submitted to the Health Department. Ms. Sullivan advised that the City of Quincy makes this requirement part of their signoff process for any type of demolition of buildings in their city and that we should also make it a requirement as part of our town's signoff. Board member Gillis made a motion to follow the City of Quincy rules and make this part of

our town's signoff process. Member Butler-Rickard seconded the motion and the board **voted 3-0** to include this as a regulation by the Board of Health.

**Re: Town Meeting Discussion of Articles – FY13
South Shore Recycling Co-operative (SSRC)**

The board was advised that the Town is looking to once again become a member of the SSRC for FY13 and that the \$4500.00 fee to be a member is being put into the DPW budget. Ms. Sullivan stated that she was disappointed to learn from Mr. Stigliani, DPW Director that the \$4500.00 fee did not include fees associated with hazardous waste "collection days" and was more of a participation fee.

Civil Fingerprinting Town By-law Article

The board was given a copy of the Police Chief's proposed fingerprinting bylaw that would affect mobile food vendors (ice cream trucks, hot dog vendors) permitted by our department. The board indicated that they would like more feedback on this bylaw such as: (1) how long the fingerprint process will take (2) do any other communities have this bylaw and how is it working for them and (3) is the fingerprinting process done every year they apply and if so, why, since their fingerprints don't change.

Citizens Petition-Rental Bylaw

The Board was advised that a citizen's petition had been circulated amongst some citizens and rental property owners stating that they would like to see the Rental Bylaw changed to read that Certificate of Occupancies would only be required when a tenant changes and not every year as it currently reads. The board felt that the bylaw language should remain the same since some tenants remain in the same rental unit for many years (10 years or more in some cases) and no inspections for that length of time could pose safety risks (no working smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors) in addition to unsanitary conditions that would never be addressed (hoarders, trash accumulation, etc.). The board **voted 3-0** to keep the language of the rental bylaw the same.

Problem Property Bylaw Proposal

The board was given Town Counsel Lampke's bylaw proposal for Problem Properties. The Board reviewed this document and felt most of it is good but that the "Duties of Owner of Vacant and/or Foreclosing Property" section of the bylaw seems unrealistic as it is often difficult to obtain the whereabouts of the owner never mind obtaining written status from them concerning the nature of contents of the building, length it will be vacant and that is only if we are able to locate the owner, the bank or whomever, if any, has the control of the property. The board would like further clarifications on this section.

The Board reviewed and approved by a **3-0 vote** to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2011.

The Board reviewed and approved by a **3-0 vote** the Health Directors reports from November 2011 to February 2012.

The Board reviewed and approved by a **3-0 vote** the Public Health Nurse Reports from November 2011 to January 2012.

The Board reviewed and approved by a **3-0 vote** the Community Outreach Reports from July to December 2011.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. The next meeting will be as needed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.