



# *Town of Hull*

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## **Minutes of July 10, 2012**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, July 10, 2012. The meeting was held in the Selectmen's office on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Also in attendance were: Erin Stoner, Hull resident and John Walsh of Aquarion Water Co.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 P.M.

### **Re: Resident request for fluoride level reduction in water supplied by Aquarion Water.**

Ms. Stoner is requesting a reduction in the levels of fluoride in the water supply. She cited various recommendations by CDC for lower fluoride levels for infants 6 months and under. She stated that she was using tap water to make her daughter's formula and tests found that the fluoride levels in her daughter's body were found to be too high. Ms. MacDonald asked Ms. Stoner what the level was and she responded that "they were never tested but that "she assumed" they were high. She stated that CDC states high fluoride levels is cause for dental fluorosis. Ms. Stoner learned that the Hingham Board of Health had noted that there was a recommended change to fluoride levels and had contacted Aquarion about this. Ms. Stoner thought that our Board of Health could look into it as well. She said she asked Mr. Walsh where the fluoride actually came from and she never got a response. Mr. Walsh stated he still did not have an answer for her, but would find out. Ms. Stoner said she is just concerned for children's fluoride levels and is not an "activist". She stated Mr. Capman of the Hingham Board of Health advised her to buy a water filter. She said the water filter costs \$1000.00 and she does not have that kind of money. Mr. Walsh indicated that in order to reduce or eliminate the fluoride levels a referendum vote would be needed, otherwise Aquarion must adhere to the recommended state regulations, which is 0.9 – 1.2 ppm. The levels cannot fall below those guidelines. Cohasset Board of Health has already sent a request to their Cohasset water Co. and they stated that they must also follow the same guidelines as the state.

Ms. Sullivan stated that she would contact Hingham and Cohasset to see what their stance is on this issue and Town Council if necessary to discuss town meeting vote versus "referendum vote". Member Jennifer Butler-Rickard thought a second opinion from other than Lynn Bethel at DPH would be a good idea. Possible meeting to discuss this issue further is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 6:00pm. Place to be determined.

### **Re: Mini-grant funds for Safe Summer Health Fair**

The board provided their full support for the \$500.00 mini-grant. Ms. Sullivan advised that the Health Fair was conducted on June 16, 2012 and items bought with grant were Safe Summer tattoos, stickers and brochures.

The Board reviewed and approved by a **3-0 vote** to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2012.

The Board reviewed and approved by a **3-0 vote** the Health Directors reports from March – May 2012.

The Board reviewed and approved by a **3-0 vote** the Public Health Nurse Reports from February - May 2012.

Due to time constraints, the Board was not able to review the Community Outreach Reports from January – May 2012.

**Re: Discussion=ABC Ice Cream complaints**

The Board was apprised of a complaint from Rhoda Kanet of Adams St. beach regarding the operator of ABC Ice Cream. Ms. Kanet stated that this operator did not have his license posted, prices were not posted on the truck; he threw an empty carton into the dunes and was observed giving wrong change to a young child. Ms. Sullivan stated that she has stopped this truck on numerous occasions and found prices posted, trash bags on board and she cannot verify that a child was given the wrong change. Ms. Sullivan asked ABC Ice Cream to make the prices more visible, i.e. bigger. The Board advised Ms. Sullivan that they are aware of this complaint and that she can continue to monitor this vendor for any further issues/complaints.

**Re: Discussion=Motorcycle noise – Ed Antico- 840 Nantasket Ave.**

The board was apprised of a situation of excess motorcycle noise at the above address that was brought to the Board's attention which is causing him and others in his building serious health issues, such as elevated blood pressure, changes in heart rate, adrenaline into the bloodstream, headaches, irritability etc.etc. This person has voiced his concerns to the police Department and his complaints have been ignored for 2-3 years. He is asking for the Board of Health's help. The Board agreed that this is a police issue and that we are powerless in banning motorcycle noise and not related to the Health Dept. Chairwoman McDonald inquired as to "what policy" is he referring to?? However, Ms. Sullivan indicated that she would inquire of this man if he would like the Public Health Nurse to go to his residence and review his health concerns. Ms Sullivan will email him and ask if he'd like a nurse visit.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. The next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.