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Minutes of September 19, 2012

A joint meeting of the Board of Health's from Hull, Hingham and Cohasset was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. The meeting was held in the Central South Meeting Room at the Hingham Town Hall, 210 Central St., Hingham, MA.

Present from the Hull Board of Health were Board Members, Donald Gillis and Jennifer Butler-Rickard, Health Director, Joyce Sullivan and Secretary Terri Berardinelli. Virginia MacDonald, Chairperson was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Kirk Shilts of the Hingham Board of Health at 7:08 P.M.

Mr. Shilts stated that the Hingham Board of Health will do extensive minutes and forward them to the other Board's of Health and that the other Boards could take limited minutes if they wish.

Anita Barry, Board of Health board physician for the Town of Hingham spoke briefly about the effects of fluorosis. She stated that there are no adverse effects and that there have only been 5 cases of fluorosis in a 5 year period. She indicated that local pediatricians know the appropriate amounts of fluoride and that "Education" of parents is key.

John Walsh of Aquarion Water Company stated that the range of fluoride that the CDC recommends for Massachusetts is set at 0.9 to 1.2ppm. The CDC makes their recommendations by region. He stated that the CDC recommends the level be reduced to 0.7 to 1.2ppm but they (CDC) have not made a final determination.

After some lengthy discussion the Hingham and Hull boards agreed that fluoride is in so many other daily items that are consumed (food, vitamins etc.) that they felt it would be safe to vote to request a reduction in the fluoride levels in the water supply provided by Aquarion to 0.7ppm from 0.9ppm. Cohasset's Board felt it should stay where it is as that is the State recommendation, plus their Water Commission was not advising it.

The Hull Board of Health was in agreement that the fluoride levels could be reduced to 0.7ppm from 0.9ppm. The Hull Board opened their meeting at 8:20pm to take a vote. A motion was made by Jennifer Butler-Rickard to reduce the fluoride concentration to 0.7ppm which was seconded by Donald Gillis. Both in favor. 2-0.

The Hull Board adjourned their meeting vote at 8:21pm.