

MARION BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Albin R. Johnson III, Chairman
Elizabeth S. Dunn, RN, Vice Chairman
John B. Howard, Clerk
Karen A. Walega, Health Director

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Reviewed correspondence

Public Hearing – Variance request at 406 Point Road

The public hearing request was continued to March 22, 2016 because it was realized they need to meet with Conservation Commission, which is scheduled for March 9, 2016, before meeting with the BOH.

Discussion – Amendment to ETS regulation

Ms. Walega explained that the check off section on page two and three were not included originally. It includes smoking bars, retail tobacco stores, buffer zones of 25 feet around municipal buildings, municipal owned parks and playgrounds, athletic fields, beaches and other swimming areas, membership associations, private clubs, nursing homes, hotels, motels, beds, breakfasts and lodging homes, all outdoor areas of restaurants, bars, taverns where food and/or beverages are sold, public transportation, bus and taxi waiting areas.

Discussion – Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Dunn moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2016 and Dr. Howard seconded.
VOTE: 3-0-0

Discussion – Regional Opioid Prevention Summit

Mrs. Dunn invited the Board members of the summit scheduled for March 10, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fort Tabor Community Center in New Bedford. She said the plenary speakers will be Congressmen William Keating, Representative Robert Koczera and Mayor John Mitchell and all the selectmen will be invited, police, anybody who would have any interest or influence in helping with the crisis.

Discussion – Resubmittal of FY'17 BOH budget

Ms. Walega explained that she was asked by the Finance Committee to write up a proposal for anything new and re-submit the budget. The only thing new was the salary for the Director for MRC. Dr. Howard asked if Rochester was going to pay any part of this salary and Ms. Walega answered no, that it was denied last night at the Finance Committee meeting. Dr. Howard said then he would be opposed to adding it. He would like Jon Witten, Town Counsel, to look at the chain of command and to clarify the entity. He would like him to clarify that the Director officially reports to the Executive Committee of the MRC in this capacity. If the Director is on the BOH budget, is she working for us? Mrs. Dunn answered yes, to protect our town and residents. Dr. Howard said he would like Jon Witten to look at the legal aspect of the MRC and

how it relates to the various towns, how it's funded and where the authority comes. In other words, is the Director going to be beholdant to the Directorship of the MRC Middlborough area. Mr. Johnson said, if we are paying the Director's salary, who are they working for? Dr. Howard said it's up to the Finance Committee, that's his opinion, they haven't asked him, they're going to make the decision.

Discussion – Contract for the Health Director

Mr. Johnson stated that when he and Dr. Howard met with the Finance Committee they had asked for a copy of the contract for the Health Director out of courtesy. Ms. Walega said that if they want it she will give it to them but she is not under any obligation to give up her contract.

Dr. Howard moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. and Mr. Johnson seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Howard, MD, Clerk

List of Items Submitted:

Revised FY 2017 Board of Health Budget

East Coast Engineering Biennial Report, Marion Sanitary Landfill

USDA Wildlife Services email regarding Oral Rabies Vaccination Program

Eversource Energy letter informing of applications of herbicides in 2016

Amendment to ETS regulation

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