

MARLBOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING JANUARY 7, 2014

There was a meeting of the Marlborough Board of Health on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, City Hall, 1st floor, Committee Room.

Attending were: John Rowe, Chairman; John Curran, M.D., Member; James Griffin, Member; Robert Landry, Sanitarian; Nancy Cleary, Public Health Nurse; Patricia Gallier, Public Health Nurse; Linda Goodwin, Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

1: PART TIME PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE VACANCY

Board discussed the position of Part Time Board of Health Nurse that was recently vacated by Patricia Gallier. This is an important position that took a long time in getting and must be maintained. This position at best costs \$27-28,000 a year with no benefits. VNA services have a starting cost of \$60/hr and are not as flexible, to cover such things as sick days, unplanned days off, etc. Board discussed the job description, etc. Board discussed with Bob Landry the need to make an appointment with the Mayor for the Board and himself to discuss this issue before the next monthly meeting. We need to stress how important this is to the Board of Health.

2: REVIEW NEWLY AWARDED TOBACCO CONTROL GRANT – DISCUSS NEXT STEPS FOR REGULATIONS

Board discussed reviewing other cities and towns regulations such as Ashland, Hudson and Medway. Sudbury just recently voted to raise the age to 19 making it harder for High School kids to purchase tobacco products. A lot of communities are working towards changing regulations so drug stores can no longer sell tobacco products. Over the next couple of months we could get Attorney DJ Wilson from Tobacco Control to discuss the process with the Board, along with Sheryl Sabbara. This process would involve public hearings, getting public opinion. Also presenting to City Council and getting their opinion, and discussing with the Mayor to get his opinion. The process could take up to several months.

Board discussed the process and agreed to discuss at the February meeting. Motion carried 3-0

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3: DISCUSS REVISIONS TO PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

Board also discussed the possibility of raising the fee for Tobacco Permits. This could be addressed when the regulations are discussed. Motion carried 3-0

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1: MINUTES – MEETING – JANUARY, 2014
Motion made to accept and place on file. Motion carried 3-0
- 2: SANITARIAN'S REPORT – JANUARY, 2014
Discussed several ongoing issues on monthly report:
Motion made to accept and place on file. Motion carried 3-0
- 3: ASSISTANT SANITARIAN'S REPORT – JANUARY, 2014
Motion made to approve and place on file. Motion carried 3-0
- 4: PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT – JANUARY, 2014
Motion made to accept and place on file. Motion carried 3-0

MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN: 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

John Rowe, Chairman