



Town Of Medway Board of Health

**March 23, 2015
Medway Board of Health
26 High Street
Conference Room
Medway, MA 02053**

PRESENT: Mike Heavey, Jack Mill and Jordan Warnick

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bacon-Health Agent

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes Acceptance:

February 23, 2015:

On a motion made by Jack Mill and seconded by Jordan Warnick, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes from February 23, 2015.

Permits to Sign:

2015 Disposal Works Installers:

Miles of Excavating – 242 Park Street, Wrentham, MA
CJM Construction – 274 Purchase Street, Milford, MA
Wind River Environment – 577 Main Street, Hudson, MA
P.L Trufant & Son – 3 Prospect St. Medway, MA

Septic Hauler's License:

Miles of Excavating – 242 Park Street, Wrentham, MA
Rodenhiser Excavating – 70 Bartzak Dr. Holliston, MA
P.L Trufant & Sons – 3 Prospect St. Medway, MA

Food Permit:

Newfound Farm – 1201 Washington St., MA
Medway Democratic Town Committee, 16 Gorwin Dr. Medway, MA

Tattoo License:

Visions Tattoo, Piercing & Art Gallery, Inc. 133 Main Street, Medway, MA.

2015 Farm Animal Permit:

Tyson Doughty – 3 Summer Hill Rd. – 3 Chickens, 2 Turkeys

Synthetic Turf Fields:

The Board is in receipt of the following:

- A letter from “The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Health dated March 23, 2015”.

Member Mill referenced the summary section from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health letter dated March 23, 2015. The section referenced “the scientific literature continues to suggest that exposure opportunities to artificial turf fields are not generally expected to result in health effects.”

In regards to cancer, the letter from references that Hodgkin Lymphoma is most common in young adults between ages of 15 and 40, the most common type of cancer. The letter referenced that “there is little evidence linking the risk of Hodgkin Lymphoma to an environmental exposure.”

It was suggested that the signage could open the town up to liability.

Vote:

On a motion made by Mike Heavey and seconded by Jack Mill, the Board of Health voted to table this item until further information is put forward and there is no recommendation for signage.

Jack Mill	aye
Jordan Warnick	no vote
Mike Heavey	aye

Member Warnick responded that he is 90% convinced that there is nothing going on with exposure to crumb rubber. The problem is that the summary provided does not state that it is safe, weather negative or anything. He would rather that this was clarified. No one has addressed the longevity of exposure to children. This type of study would be easy to do on animals.

The Board of Health reviewed the letter written to Senator Warren. It was recommended to forward this letter on behalf of the Board of Health.

On a motion made by Jack Mill and seconded by Mike Heavey, the Board voted unanimously to forward the letter to Senator Warren.

Resident Stewart asked if the letter could also be sent to Representative Spilka.

Member Warnick recommends just sending the letter to Senator Warren.

Selectmen Trindade thanks the Board of Health for their work in this matter.

Member Warnick questions what the allowable limits are for children and what the effect of exposing children are over a number of years. This is not in any of the literature. There are no standards for this. He further explains that the U.S. Product Safety Commission has been holding up a review study on crumb rubber. He would like to see this released.

Resident Stewart agrees with member Warnick that this study should be released. Her concern is with the children of Medway using the fields. She thanks the Board of Health for forwarding the letter to Senator Warren.

Resident Alan White, 3 Skyline Drive:

This resident has a daughter who is nine and plays as a soccer goalie. He would like to see signage posted. He is concerned since the EPA is going back and forth. No one is taking ownership. It is not harmful to provide parents additional information with safeguards with signage.

It was suggested that the information can be distributed by a PTO group or soccer organization.

Resident Stewart asked the Board of Health if they would consider signage in the future without the inclusion of the last sentence.

The Health Agent responded that making any statement on these fields open the town up to liability.

Mr. White explains that the Board of Selectmen have dismissed this, and we went to the school committee and they are reluctant to address this. The Board of Health is in a position to give guidance to other groups and could recommend signage. There is not a lot of awareness on this. This topic is getting punted back and forth at both the federal and local levels. It would be great if Medway could be the first to at least help to get awareness out.

The Health Agent responded that this should be done at the federal and state level. The Town of Medway does not have the resources or man power to take this on. We did ask the State for their opinion, and that is what was provided. .

The Board of Health indicated that the information about safeguards can get out there without the Board of Health.

Fee Schedule:

The discussion regarding the fee schedule will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Mike Heavey and seconded by Jack Mill, the Board of Health voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm.

Future Meetings:

The next meeting scheduled is Monday, April 6, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Medway Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Meeting Recorder
Approved May 4, 2015