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BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: February 22, 2012

PRESENT: Armand White, James Morin, Judith O'Connor, Derek Brindisi

ABSENT: Darlene Coyle

GUESTS: Dawn Dubois
Ken Allain

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by chairman Armand White

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes for the February 8th, 2012 meeting was made by Jim Morin. Seconded by Armand White. Vote unanimous.

Office Update: The board reviewed and accepted updated cover letters and new applications for pool, recreational camps and soccer camps.

Vouchers: Vouchers were signed by those present.

Health Agent Report:

Derek addressed the board regarding a Mobile Safety Street Bus available to Millbury Seniors during National Public Health Week April 2nd through the 8th. The goal is to educate residents about prevention of injuries and falls. Jim and Armand thought it was a good idea and asked Judy if having the bus at the Senior Center will work for her. She will check dates and times with Derek for availability.

Jim Morin addressed a complaint he received from his employees, stating Feng's Asian Bistro has been prepping food in the back, outside the door. One employee took a picture. Derek will address this issue with Feng's.

Derek updated the board regarding 130 Westboro St., Treeline Construction. He spoke with Bob Spain and Bob has given Derek permission to talk with town council regarding violations there.

Derek announced Matt Armendo will be doing inspections in Millbury as well as all towns involved with the regionalization.

Derek stated the City of Worcester will hire a new inspector beginning July 1st.

Derek stated there is talk of another Drug Take Back Program being scheduled for April. Judy stated she is currently working with Millbury's acting chief for a permanent lock box at the police station. The acting chief is researching the possibility. Derek stated Oklahoma uses regular mail drop boxes with one key, all kept at the police station.

Old Business:

Ms. Dubois of 158 Wheelock Ave. presented herself before the board regarding a temporary injunction issued by Worcester Housing Court concerning the trash and debris on her property. She was accompanied by Ken Allain. Bill Wilkinson presented the violations dating back to 2004 which have not been resolved. He also presented pictures showing the debris. Armand addressed Ms. Dubois, however, she had nothing to say at that time. Mr. Allain stated he has had many problems with the town inspectors over the years. He stated the debris in the yard is building materials and not trash or garbage. He has been doing the work on the property. Armand stated the board will work with Ms. Dubois, however, the place needs to be cleaned up. He will view the property on Friday, February 24th.

Judy O'Connor made a two part motion. The first, improvement must be made to the front and driveway side of the property within 3 weeks, March 14th, at which time Billy Wilkinson will report to the board of any or all cleanup. Jim Morin seconded. Vote unanimous.

Judy O'Connor stated the 2nd motion, after proof of clean-up within the first 3 weeks, Ms. Dubois would get an additional 3 weeks to clean-up behind the truck, which is the side yard. Jim Morin seconded. Vote unanimous.

Armand addressed Ms. Dubois to confirm she was in agreement with this motion, as she is the trustee for Haigis Realty Trust at 158 Wheelock Ave. Ms. Dubois agreed.

Other Business:

Armand opened discussion regarding trash hauler fees. All agreed issue to be tabled for a future date.

Armand recommended not pursuing public restroom changes.

Judy O'Connor received a complaint regarding a farm at 251 Riverlin St. Complaint was for odor of animal waste. The stench is overwhelming. The farm owner is doing everything legal and Derek stated the Dept. of Agriculture inspected them as well. The animal control officer

went there and stated 90 rabbits, alpacas, horses, chickens, dogs, 4 roosters, etc. Judy stated this farm started out small and grew. The state says you have to have 5 acres to own a farm. The town planner and the town building inspector would like to see a bylaw issued where there are regulations. The building inspector plans on creating bylaw to limit number of animals. Derek said the state inspects every 2 to 3 years. Judy asked for contact person to have it inspected. Derek will check on regulation to control number of animals. Armand also suggested exotic animals should be governed by permit by the town. Derek stated, if you do not have a regulation, it cannot be regulated. At the request of the board, Derek will pursue to have a regulation drawn up for the board to review.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. was made by Jim Morin. Seconded by Judy O'Connor. Vote unanimous.

Minutes approved:

Armand White _____

James Morin James M Morin

Judith O'Connor Judith A. O'Connor