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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: June 11, 2014

PRESENT: Armand White, Ron Marlborough, Jim Morin
Julie VanArsdalen, Regional Public Health Specialist
Jim Malley, Title V Engineer
Chris Montiverde, Deputy Director
Cheryl Rawinski, Public Health Nurse

GUESTS: Francis R. Mercadante – Complaint on well issue
David Connell – Requested Swine Permit
Wheelabrator Representatives: Don Rudge, Charles Myete, Peter DeCecco,
Jeff Bernard

Office up-dates: Julie M. presented Board with payroll signature authorization required from the Finance Dept. Also presented copies of emails from Treeline Construction to DEP showing clean up removal weekly.

A motion to accept minutes from 5/14/14 meeting was made by Jim Morin, seconded by Armand White. Vote unanimous.

A motion to accept minutes from 5/22/14 meeting was made by Jim Morin, seconded by Armand White. Vote unanimous.

Vouchers to be signed: Vouchers were signed by those present.

Cheryl Rawinski updated the Board with report of communicable diseases to date and her follow ups, including home visits. She attended the Health Fair in May, distributed brochures with

information on disease, skin protection, etc. She interacts with Millbury Health Care Center throughout the year and is familiar with their networking.

Ron stated the sight mobile was a success, he thanked Cheryl and thanked the Worcester Coalition for their participation with the street mobile and Meghan attending.

Ron asked Cheryl regarding her contacts with the schools nurses, Cheryl stating she consults with them on a regular basis due to families in need, children's needs, and social issues within the town. Ron requested when parents are sent letters regarding lice, could they please send a copy of the letter to the Barber Shops in town.

Cheryl updated the board regarding the State's flu vaccine allotment, okay for this year, however, 2015-2016 will be drastically reduced. And lastly, expect an increase in West Nile Virus. Big season for mosquitos and ticks.

Armand thanked Cheryl for coming in with her updates and information.

Health Agent Report: Julie V. reported;

18 Manor Road - complaint of excessive smoke from fire pit/smoker. (Ron Marlborough recused himself on this issue as it is his neighbor). Julie saw no smoke when she responded. Armand stated he received a call, went to residence, fire pit/smoker sets much lower than neighbors house. He stated the smoke was excessive, recommends he raise his smoke stack. Julie V. will follow up with that recommendation.

23 West Street – complaint of rats, garbage, canoe's, camper, etc. Julie found no garbage, no health violations. Garbage containers are secured with lid. As a result of visit, resident has been cleaning up area.

MASS PIKE – Exit 10A & 11. Police requested inspection of food truck that had fuel leak. Product in trailer was not compromised in any way.

A & D Pizza – Owner is following through with plan review, she will do a complete inspection in about 30 days.

Chris Montiverdi stated the Youth Health Survey is complete, results will be out shortly. The updated West Nile Virus video will be distributed to Millbury to put on local web site.

Mr. Francis Mercadante presented himself stating he wanted to put in a well. He wanted to wash his trucks, has a 10' x 12' shed (used as an office) wash his hands, etc. on his vacant lot. He stated Jim Malley told him he needed a Well Permit and DEP approval to show proper drainage for the water. He felt there was no need for DEP to get involved, as the fire trucks and DPW wash their trucks, water goes into surface drain. Water is supposed to go through treatment plant. Why is it some can wash vehicles and trucks and he has to show DEP where his water would drain. Jim Malley explained well regulations and did not want Mr. Mercadante to start a project only to find out the cost and DEP regulations after he started the project.

Armand stated he will inquire regarding violations Mr. Mercadante stated and get back to him. Jim Malley explained he wanted Mr. Mercadante to understand the regulatory issues to install a well.

David Connell – 9 Montgomery Drive requested a Swine Permit from the Board. His intent is to raise two pigs for slaughter. Armand asked if he has neighbors, Mr. Connell stating yes, both sides, however, he has one acre of land, 100' wide. He plans to house the pigs in the back of the lot. Armand referred further questions from Dan Chauvin (Animal Control Officer & Animal Health Inspector). Dan stated the raising of swine is straight forward, wanted to know feed, Mr.

Connell stating they would be grain fed only plus fruit. Dan recommended sawdust be mixed with waste disposal to deter insects. Dan stated he has had no complaints regarding other animals Mr. Connell has, goats & chickens. Armand requested a copy of the swine regulations from Dan and asked regarding inspections, Dan stated he does one inspection per year. Armand stated he saw no reason to not move forward with a permit. Ron made a motion to grant the swine permit, Jim seconded. Vote unanimous.

Old Business: Wheelabrator

Jim Malley gave an overview stating Sam Chapin requested a letter from the Board of Health stating the Site Assignment wasn't prohibited of where the water would come from to cool the ash. He had conversations with DEP and found groundwater has and is being used for years. The question is whether or not Wheelabrator is in violation of the Site Assignment. The groundwater that is being used is contaminated with cadmium. Don Rudge stated DEP's interpretation of the Site Assignment is no groundwater can be used. Wheelabrator interprets the Site Assignment as not stating they cannot use groundwater. They are requesting permission from The Board to use groundwater to lessen the amount of water they buy. Cadmium testings range from .004 to .006 with drinking water quality .005. They pump 25,000 gallons a day. Chuck Myette stated he has been overseeing this project 9 years. Initial testing was taken from the wetlands, cadmium found, looked for source. An underground storage tank was found, seeing elevated levels of iron and cadmium. A trench was installed to intercept the discharge of cadmium to surface water and wetlands. Samples are taken from the vault & surface water are non detect. Latest testing was .0001. Standard they are looking for is .0004 or below. Armand gave an overview of The Boards position also stating this issue pertains to the ash only and not the cooling tower. The Board asked Jim Malley to have town council review the Site Assignment and determine if Wheelabrator is required to use town water. Question if they can use groundwater. The Board will only consider a variance after town council reviews the Site Assignment.

Ice Cream Vendors – Ron and Armand opened discussion regarding need for a bylaw for Ice Cream Vendors. Julie V. will work with Kerry to have a bylaw drawn up. Armand would like it soon so if an emergency town meeting happens, this bylaw can be on a warrant article. Julie M. stated the clothing bin bylaw could also be submitted. Julie V. thinks that was held for future discussion and not ready for warrant article. She will check her notes.

Rogers Garden Center – Jim Morin asked if he has followed through with his application for a recycling permit. Julie M. stated we are waiting for his completed application. She will call for follow up.

Superior Waste & Recycling – Ron asked for update on court outcome. Julie V. stated there is a warrant for his arrest.

All Business Not Reasonably Anticipated To Be Discussed:

Julie V. asked if she has the authority to sign Beaver Permits. She signs in other towns. Jim Morin made a motion, if the clerk is not available, she can sign the permit. Ron Marlborough seconded. Vote unanimous.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Morin at 7:45 P.M. Ron Marlborough seconded. Vote unanimous.

Armand O. White: _____

Ronald J. Marlborough: Ronald Marlborough

James M. Morin: James M Morin