

TOWN OF ORLEANS – BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 14, 2010

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The Board of Health convened its meeting at 6:55 p.m. on Wednesday July 14, 2010, in the Nauset Room of the Orleans Town Hall.

Present: Chairman, Job Taylor, III, Vice Chair Augusta McKusick, Robin Davis, Ph.D., and Jan Schneider, MD. Also present: Robert Canning, Health Agent.

The Board held a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen. Present from the Board of Selectmen were Chairwoman Margie Fulcher, Sims McGrath Jr., Jon R. Fuller, David M. Dunford. Also present: Town Administrator John Kelly and Transfer Station and Highway Department Manager Mark Budnick.

Agenda Item 1. Appointment of a new member to the Board of Health

The joint Boards interviewed Elizabeth Suraci for the vacant seat on the Board of Health. Mrs. Suraci discussed her background in the field of nursing and public health.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, and seconded by Mrs. Fulcher, the joint Boards voted to appoint Elizabeth Suraci, to the Board of Health with a term ending date of May 16, 2011. The vote was 8-0-0.

Agenda Item 2. Discussion regarding solid waste issues

The joint Boards discussed the future disposal costs for the transfer station. Mr. Taylor explained that the current contract with SEMASS will expire in 2015. Therefore the cost to the Town will increase considerably after that time. Mr. Taylor further explained that the Boards have discussed possible solutions to lessen the impact in the future, such as a stabilization fund for the transfer station that would stretch the increase over the next several years. Mr. Taylor also explained that another solution would be a "pay-as-you-throw" program.

Health Department Manager Bob Canning presented the information on the "pay-as-you-throw" program. Mr. Canning stated that the program essentially is designed to promote recycling, as users would be charged per bag. However, the program is most often used by cities and towns that utilize curbside pick up.

Mr. Kelly explained how costly and difficult it would be for the Town of Orleans to undertake curbside pickup.

It was determined that the staff would evaluate other available options to consider with SEMASS contract expiring in 2015 (i.e., pay as you throw; stabilization fund to offset future solid waste costs). Staff will also develop recommendations for solid waste fee increases for FY2012.

Mark Budnick spoke to the Boards regarding the work the Transfer Station employees are doing in order to curb abuse of the transfer station permits.

Agenda Item 3. Discussion - Housing Rental Program

The joint boards discussed the possibility of creating a program to register privately owned rental homes in the Town of Orleans. Mrs. McKusick explained that the Board of Health had undertaken the discussion and research on the feasibility of instituting a registration for private rental homes, and after much discussion, the Board of Health felt that in order to run such a program successfully, the Health Department would need a minimum of two additional full time employees. Also, the Board of Health felt that at this time, the program would create an inordinate amount of additional work and that it would not be financially feasible.

After discussing the matter with the Board of Selectmen it was determined that the program is not feasible at this time.

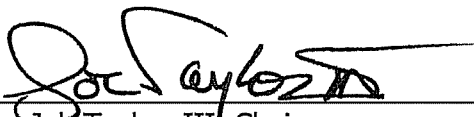
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

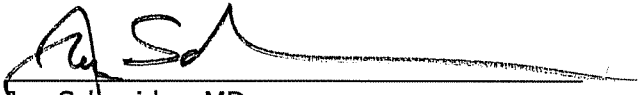
Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Canning
Health Agent

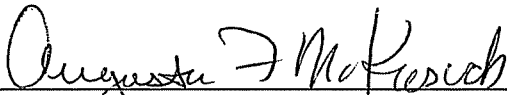
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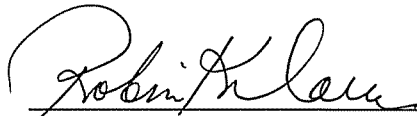
Attorney Job Taylor, III, Chairman



Jan Schneider, MD.



Augusta F. McKusick, Vice Chairman



Robin K. Davis, Ph.D.

April 7, 2011

Date Approved/Accepted