

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING**

Raymond Grant, Chairman, Victoria Kinniburgh RN, Mr. Douglas Brown LPN, Robert Costa and Beth Hallal RS.

Mr. McLintock arrived to the meeting late.

At 4:30 PM Mr. McLintock called the meeting to order.

Mr. Grant stated as per MGL C 30A § 20 requires any person recording must notify the Chairperson at the beginning of the meeting. The Town of Seekonk is recording both video and audio.

**Consider approval of Regular Session Minutes**

**1) February 13, 2013**

Mr. Brown LPN made the motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2013, seconded by Mr. Costa and so voted 3-0-1 with Mr. Grant abstaining.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion with Chrysalis Environmental Services Inc. regarding Sharps Disposal pricing.**

Ms. Hallal stated the representative for Chrysalis phoned this morning and she has the flu and will not be able to attend the meeting.

**Discussion with BioServ, Inc. regarding Sharps Disposal and pricing.**

BioServ is not present at this time, when they come in we will revisit this item.

**Review the revisions of the Seekonk Board of Health Regulations Section 1.0 Organization of the Board of Health**

The Board reviewed the changes made to section 1.0 of the Seekonk Board of Health Regulations.

Ms. Kinniburgh RN made the motion to approve section 1.0 of the Seekonk Board of Health regulations, seconded by Mr. Costa and so voted unanimously.

**Review the revisions Review of the Seekonk Board of Health Regulations Section 2.0 Percolation Testing**

The Board has reviewed the changes and amended some of those changes. The Board will review the amendments at the next meeting.

Mr. McLintock made the motion to approve section 2.0 of the Seekonk Board of Health regulations as amended, seconded by Ms. Kinniburgh and so votes unanimously.

Review of the Seekonk Board of Health Regulations Section 3.0 Sewage Disposal

The Board has review and made changes up to section 3.5.0 inspections. The Board will review the sections and pick back up on section 3.5.0 at their next meeting.

Once the Board has reviewed and approved all of the regulations, they will hold a public hearing on the regulations as a whole.

At this time discussion with BioServ, Inc. regarding Sharps Disposal and pricing.

Mr. Rick Ragaini SR a representative for BioServe was present at this time.

BioServe works closely with PSC the contractor that the Board has been using for Household Hazardous Waste Day. BioServe will not except sharps in flimsy plastic containers, however they will take them in sturdy plastic containers.

Ms. Kinniburgh RN made the motion for Ms. Hallal to use her discretion with a Sharps vendor, seconded by Mr. Brown LPN and so voted unanimously.

## **HEALTH AGENT'S REPORT**

### **Septic Disposal Plans approved by the Health Agent**

At this time the Ms. Hallal has no report.

## **COMMUNITY SPEAKS**

There was no one in the audience for community speaks.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS**

During the snow storm were the warming center was activated, Mr. Grant believes there is some confusion of what the Board of Health responsibilities are and are not. He wanted to go publically on record he appreciates the work Ms. Hallal and Mr. Chenevert did during the storm, they kept me informed and were in contact with me all weekend long. The only responsibility the Board of Health has to dispense medication in the event of a biological attack, a large scale outbreak of influenza that sort of thing. Beth has put together a group of volunteers that she can depend on, those volunteers are willing to open up and help with the shelter. He wanted to go on record to say thank you, they went above and beyond and are working well with the fire and police department.

The other issue that I wanted to bring to this Board's attention is very concerning to me, I appears to me that and maybe just me, I guess the impression or the sense maybe it is not the

case, that the Board here is being circumvented in some areas and there are issues that other Boards or Committees may have and they are taking those issues directly to the Health Agent as opposed to those issues directly to this Board. Ms. Hallal and Mr. Chenevert work for us and we work for the Town. If there are issues out there that people have with the Board of Health then it should be coming to the full Board and should not be going to Ms. Hallal or JR for explanations. For instance if somebody has an issue with our budget or if somebody has issues with line items then they should be coming to the Board of Health and they shouldn't be poking around behind our backs without us being aware of it. If there are issues with the Health Agent or if there are issues with the Health Agent's secretary or if there are issues with the Assistant Health Agent, then those should be brought directly to us. We should deal with them appropriately and how we see fit. I want to work with everybody, if you give me something to do, then he is going to do it the right way and follow the rules. Mr. Grant wanted to get this on the record. We are always open are meeting are always published. If people have issues with the way the Board of Health is dealing with things or doing things, then he would encourage them to come here and speak to the Board.

Mr. McLintock stated there is a communication problem not only in this Town Hall or the School Department but with other departments. The full time employee that are here full time, should be able to deferent what they need to bring to the Board or tell Beth we need to bring this to the Board. I can do something to help and I told you I would.

Mr. Grant feels they are put in an awkward position if other Boards and other bodies are asking them for information, she has no control on. This is Mr. Grant's opinion and my opinion and he wanted to make it perfectly clear. Mr. Grant informed the Board there was a meeting the other night about the emergency shelter and no other member of the Board was invited. If I had not found out that Beth had been invited to attend the meeting he would never have known about the meeting, he showed up because she should not be there by herself. If there is an issue with the Board of Health then we need to know about it. If he could not have been there then maybe another member would have wanted to be there. He believes this Board of Health is functioning extremely well, we are being responsive to the community, we are being responsive to the concerns of the people; we are supervising the employees, we dealing with issues. We are doing that without an agenda and I feel we should be treated that way, I don't think we are. I think there are still some bad feelings left and those feeling have to go away. We are the responsible party.

At 6:01pm Mr. Brown LPN made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Costa and so voted unanimously.