

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES September 06, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm. Present were Arnold Soslow, M. D., Chair, members Michael Bean, M. D., Mark Neuman, M. D and Thomas Klem. Also present were Julia Junghanns, Director and Patti White, Department Assistant.

7:32 p.m. **Public Comments:**

Mike Lowery, presented a graph of the e-coli counts from the Summer Dudley pond water testing. Presenting photos from 2008 that he believed to be cyanobacteria but this was not confirmed. Surface Water will be looking to do more water monitoring for next summer season.

7:40 **East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project-** David Henley, Superintendent

State reclamation board, they operate under environmental impact report revised 2009. DPH arbovirus and response program.

3 issues have been identified:

- 1) There is a large population of mosquitoes
- 2) West Nile Virus- positive results in traps
- 3) EEE- positive results in traps

High mosquito populations in North Wayland. They are primarily flood water mosquitoes from previous rainfall, mosquitos from Irene will be hatching next weekend.

2 traps were set in Wayland Monday night, there were enough in both traps to test and the trap on Dean Road tested positive for WNV. 60 towns in Massachusetts have had mosquitoes that tested positive.

DPH guidelines for response plan. DPH says that Wayland's risk is low for Arbovirus and (defined as no human or animal and sporadic mosquito isolations (1 or 2) in non-consecutive testing weeks). Recommend increased educations, increase larvae control, standard adult mosquito control continue (there is no adult control in Wayland). The town of Wayland is not totally a good candidate for adult mosquito control.

Recent report of an EEE fatality in Raynham. EEE is a very low risk in Wayland based on the species of mosquito that is counted for EEE and the isolations in this area are counting very low.

Regarding aerial larvacide of BTI for large wetland areas, Great Meadow wildlife was being treated in the 1990's but in 2001 Great Meadows drafted regulations that will not allow permits

to be issued- only for imminent disease risks. We are only able to treat areas that are not part of the Great Meadows Refuge.

Wayland continues to use Altocid in catch basins which are applied usually in June (treatments last about 3 months). Neglected swimming pools can be a huge factor. Advertise to residents to clean out/empty and containers/sources of water pooling on properties. Outside of truck spraying there are not a lot of options for Wayland. People should use repellent, wear long sleeves, long pants, avoid outdoors at peak times of mosquito activity (dusk). The best time to use larvacide is in the spring.

Truck spraying would cost approximately \$1,200 to spray the populated sections of town, to do the whole town the cost is estimated at \$2500. This would need to be approved by the state level. Certain areas of town would not benefit from this method. Neighborhood areas in North Wayland are spread apart (fewer roads and more land between them and not as many residential property boundaries would be accessible). S. Wayland would benefit more from this method (more roads/smaller properties and more property boundaries are accessible).

8:30 p.m. Mark Neuman has left the meeting

8:31 p.m. **Hurricane Irene follow-up:**

Wayland MRC had 17 volunteers ready for call up: 3 Medical Doctors, 6 nurses, and clerical and BOH staff. The MRC Trailer has been stocked with necessary supplies.

Julia and Ruth attended the LEPC local emergency planning meeting along with other Town Department Directors, the Town Administrator, Fire and Police Chiefs, Building, COA, School.

Reverse 911 is being considered for reaching out to residents. When there is no electricity where to get information? Residents said that there is a need for showering facilities and charging stations for cell phones, like a comfort station area. MRC volunteers and/or CERT could assist the residents with these needs.

Questions came up regarding whether the Town has a Twitter account and are there Emergency planning applications for smart phones.

Residents and town staff were looking for more current information regarding road closings and that it should be posted and accessible somehow. With no electricity, many people could not access the town website to view updated information. There was discussion about the community needs, how to identify our community needs, who are the elders at risk, age ranges, where are they located, who can they turn to in a crisis? COA has a lot of this information, it would need to be identified and communicated somehow for accessibility during a crisis/power outage.

Public Health Nurse Ruth Mori will be working on our MRC structure, MRC roles, and evaluating/discussing many of the issues, and concerns involving MRC that have come up as after action items. Also, working on identifying community needs and working with CERT. She will be reporting back to the Board progress as it is made.

Draft letter from B. Grossman to food establishments regarding power outage guidelines, procedures, and what to do after extended power outages.

8:50 p.m. **Waiver from WayCam.** WayCam is construction a new studio at the High School, Fees have been waived by the BOS for building, water and gas work.

Wayland BOH votes unanimously to waive fees for WayCam for their BOH approval for their Building Application - Vote 3-0 all in favor.

Town Building hours have been changed, all staff work until 7 pm every Monday and Fridays
Town Building closes at 12:30 pm. BOH meeting dates will be moving to Mondays. Next meeting dates September 20th(Tuesday), Monday October 3rd, Monday October 17th.

9:00 p.m. **125 Dudley Road update-** Cons Com approved the septic plans at their hearing last week Cons Com will be issuing a formal communication regarding order of conditions for the septic installation. The Framingham District Court date was continued to October 1st.

9:15 p.m. **Directors report**

Summarize key steps and issues that will be of issue to BOH regarding the Town Center project.

BOH staff is still looking for a location for HHWD for the fall, can we use DPW parking area? We will look into using the DPW Highway Garage area by the Middle School.

BOH has purchased seasonal flu vaccine and we have begun to receive the deliveries. State supplied vaccine is just for seniors and persons with no or reduced insurance coverage. We are offering the purchased hi-dose vaccine for residents over 65 yrs.

Standing orders to Dr. Soslow from Ruth have been signed.

9:30 p.m. **Meeting adjourned**

Respectfully submitted
Patti White
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