

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Thomas Klem, Chair, and members Michael Bean, M. D., and Cynthia C. Hill. Also present were Julia Junghanns, Director of Public Health and Patti White, Department Assistant.

7:30 P.M. **Public Comment:** Kim Cook, 12 Ellie Lane, Asking for the BOH to request spraying at Alpine Field (alpine Rd), multiple sporting events are being held there and everyone is getting bitten even with Bug Spray. There was a discussion about the field and that it is owned by the school dept, and they have a no spray policy. The notification process would need to be followed to spray and involves the notification to all students using the school property. The school properties are part of the Childrens & Family Pesticides Act. Any field that is sprayed must be left clear of students for 48 hours after spraying. Regulations must be followed. The School Committee oversees the School's outdoor Integrated Pest Management plan (IPM).

There was a discussion about the current situation with mosquito-borne illness in the state and in Wayland. Wayland is currently in a moderate risk category at this time. The type of mosquito borne-illness of concern in Wayland would be West Nile virus. Elderly residents are most at risk for WNV however all residents, including children should take precautions to avoid mosquito bites and use insect repellent as per DPH guidance.

The suggestion was made to contact Sara Little (currently a Wellesley resident) a past BOH member. Ms. Little has a PHD in Chemistry and might be a good point person to contact prior to meeting with the School Committee.

7:40 P. M. **Special Town Meeting- Warrant Article D-** Tom Gulley 20 Meadowview Road is representing the neighborhood association. This article is based on an article from the Town of Wendell, MA. The Petitioners Article will require the utility companies to present all the required information required by the state regulations to the BoH prior to distribute the application. To demonstrate they are following the steps and regulations required.

Town Counsel has reviewed STM Warrant Article D regarding the herbicide application bylaw proposed by petitioners: (attached) and is working with the petitioners to finalize the language. There are some changes that will need to be made as per Town Counsel. Once the changes are made the Board will make an official statement regarding this Warrant Article.

Linda Segal-9 Aqueduct Rd. Ms Segal stated that the Town gets a letter of notification annually (late winter-early spring) from NStar regarding their plans for herbicide application in the right of way. Ms. Segal is hoping that this Warrant Article is a procedural piece to allow the state to link to the town in to the notification process of what Nstar is planning to do on their right of Way.

Ms. Segal also informed the Board that the Warrant Article proposed by Mr. Steven Hakar of Framingham was discussed at the Finance committee Meeting on September 10th. The meeting was recorded by Waycam and is available for viewing. The question was raised as to whom would be presenting the article at Town Meeting, as only Wayland residents are able to present articles at Town meeting. Mr. Hakar's article did not pass in Framingham at their recent STM.

8:10 p.m. **TK: Motion to approve minutes of March 29, 2011 and April 26, 2011 as amended, second MB vote 3-0 all in favor**

8:15 p.m. Ms. Junghanns, Director of Public Health informed the Board regarding her participation in a conference call this morning with Mass DEP. The most current information regarding Human and Animal cases of WNV and EEE was provided. DEP also provided the background information regarding the State moving the whole of Massachusetts to 'Moderate Risk'. This was done as additional protection to the many towns in the state that are not part of a regional Mosquito Control project and as a result have no mosquito control procedures, monitoring/trapping, or testing results of mosquitoes.

Wayland is an area where WNV is the most concern for mosquito-borne illness. The elderly are most at risk for this illness however all residents should take precaution to avoid mosquito bites and use insect repellent as per DPH guidelines. EEE historically is not the concern for the Town of Wayland but testing and surveillance has been done this season.

Mosquito traps on Oxbow Rd, Brook Trail, Framingham and Sudbury will be tested this week and EMMCP will be looking at some wetlands in Wayland regarding a floodwater situation.

C Hill is suggesting the BOH distribute a printed notice with suggestions for protection of mosquitoes as per DPH guidelines to senior residents at the flu clinics tomorrow.

There was a discussion about the Children's and Families Pesticide Act and the Schools Outdoor IPM Plan. The School Committee is the authority of this policy. The Board would like to discuss this policy with the School Committee in the future. If there was a Public Health emergency the Board could proceed to spray on school property however the process and Regulations; Children's and Families Pesticide Act and the School's IPM Plan would need to be followed.

9:00 p.m. **Medical Marijuana- Wayland Cares and Question 3**

Julia informed the Board of the Massachusetts question 3 to be part of the State November election ballot. There was a discussion about Medical Marijuana.

TK:. Wayland BOH does not endorse Question 3 regarding the medical use marijuana . second CH vote 3-0 all in favor

Fluoride to be addressed at a future BoH meeting, the history will be looked into and discussed.

9:45 TK: motion to adjourn second MB vote 3-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted
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