

Board of Health Minutes
March 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Thomas Klem(TK), Chair, Cynthia C. Hill(CH), Michael Bean, M. D(MB). and Michael Wegerbauer(MW). Also present were Julia Junghanns, Director of Public Health and Patti White, Department Assistant.

7:05 p.m. Public Comments- there were none.

7:05 p.m. **Update of Medical Marijuana Related Town Meeting Articles:**

Both articles were pulled from the 2013 Town Meeting Warrant. Town Counsel has written his opinion for print in the Town Warrant. His opinion regarding public consumption of marijuana basically says that the Warrant Article as presented is not consistent with the law. The Board is considering marijuana smoking regulations similar to the tobacco regulations, using the tobacco as a template and getting input from the Chief of Police regarding enforcement.

7:10 p.m. **New DPW Building**

Originally scheduled for discussion this evening, the DPW building/septic discussion as per John Moynihan's request has been pulled from tonight's agenda. A representative from Tighe & Bond, along with a second consultant are scheduled to attend the next meeting on March 26th.

CH: concerned about approving septic permit: the methane issue is still a concern, regarding the dangers during the actual construction of the building and septic system. The building is probably taken care of (post construction/after the building is complete) with the mitigation plans that were presented to the Board at the last discussion with representatives from Tighe & Bond.

MW : would like to see a formal plan (recommendations from T & B in a report) for monitoring before, during and after excavation and construction.

Linda Segal (LS): Has the Board heard if there will be financial penalties from DEP to the DPW for failing to have been testing for methane from 2009 to the most recent testing (2013?)

MW: Believes there was a verbal agreement between the Town and DEP, which until the landfill is completely closed, that standard testing is not being required, BoPW is requesting this agreement in writing. Regulations kick in with landfill closure agreement, capping has been done, but the closure has not been completed. DEP is not regulating (at this time) for mitigation of the methane.

7:25 p.m. **Director's report has been reviewed.**

Tick task force is looking to educate residents of various local communities; there will be articles in newspapers for education regarding tick prevention. Wayland Conservation (through coordination with the Health Department and Tick Task Force) will be installing posts and boxes with tick educational materials at various trail heads in Wayland.

MW: Has a land use meeting been scheduled to discuss Greenways drainage issues?

Water shutoff conditions: BoPW and BOH to compose a water shutoff policy for going forward.

ML will issue a written opinion and advise the two boards create a written protocol

7:40 p.m. Adult Mosquito Control- preliminary discussion: Dave Henley, EMMCP (DH)

There was a discussion regarding the Board's moving forward with incorporating truck mounted spraying for adult mosquitoes. TK: What is the process if there is a high risk for WNV? We would follow the DPH Arbovirus surveillance and response plan and also DH letter outlining the process/protocol. The town gives DH permission to make the decision: Process would involve post in newspaper and post on town website. JJ: we will advertise and post notices if we decide to spray for adult mosquitoes, this is a new addition to our mosquito control program as adulticide has not been done in town for many years (since 87). DH: Notification of request of exclusion can be done now; DH keeps the names yearly, and carries the names forward several years. TK: let's get this in place, so there is no delay when there is a high risk potential. JJ: notify BOS with formal communication to advise of our plan to incorporate adult spraying. We will hold a public hearing to hear people's concerns, answer questions, discuss potential plans. The hearing will be advertised and an article will go in the paper. DH: Framingham has a list server to send out emails. The spraying schedule for the upcoming week, is posted on EMMCP website by the previous weekend, so residents can view where and when the spraying will be taking place.

CH: opt out letter/ form on website, which can be filled out and returned to BOH. Start notification now to allow time to have a list of persons who wish to opt out well in advance.

DH: mosquito larvae start to develop as early as April 1st. Greater spring floodwater (late May and June) there is not an expectation for an extraordinary populations, there were not a lot of eggs laid last year, we had a very dry spring, the helicopter spraying was cancelled last year.

DH: has given JJ a map showing basically the areas in yellow where spraying will occur...red areas Great Meadows, water bodies, and neighborhoods with less density.

JJ: there is a question about areas to be sprayed (zone 1 areas)? DH: will look into this: MW: wells at the High School would not be done, as spraying cannot be done on School Property. JJ will provide DH with a copy of our town map that includes the well locations, Zone I, Zone II and capture zones.

MW: motion to authorize JJ to work with DH to evaluate public health risks, make decisions/set spraying schedule for nuisance spraying and/or crisis spraying (based on public health risk) subject to managing the spraying within the approved budget. TK second vote 4-0 all in favor

We still are not able to spray Great Meadows for larvicide, JJ will look into following up on this with the state to start discussion regarding future situation.

8: 25 p.m. **Annual appointment of Animal Inspectors**

TK: Motion to appoint Bruce Sweeney as Animal Inspector for Wayland for a period of one year from 5/1/13 to 4/30/14. CH second vote 4-0 all in favor

TK: Motion to appoint Les Boardman as Animal Inspector for Wayland for a period of one year from 5/1/13 to 4/30/14. CH second vote 4-0 all in favor

TK: Motion to appoint Jennifer Condon as Animal Inspector for Wayland for a period of one year from 5/1/13 to 4/30/14. CH second vote 4-0 all in favor

8:30 p.m. **MW motion to approve minutes of June 14, 2011 as amended. Second TK vote 4-0 all in favor.**

8:45 p.m. Discussion regarding letter of 12/4/12 from DPH regarding MDPH Cancer Registry numbers from mid 2012, we replied 09/27/12 requesting more information.

Farm was in Sedgemoor Road area, Watertown dairy. The site investigation done in the 70's 80's was not up to today's standards.

The board will continue discussion of eliminate fluoride in town water to April.

9:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted

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Approved 061713

