

Board of Health Minutes
September 9, 2013

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

7:06 p.m. Public Comment

Mike Lowery 120 Lakeshore Dr. Regarding the fluoride in town water, he sees it as a problem of medical ethics- a medication not requested that is added to his water. He has purchased water filters to remove fluoride at a cost of \$50 per year. He wishes the fluoride to be removed.

7:08 p.m. 95-97 Stonebridge Road- Habitat for Humanity – request for waiver of Septic and Building fees- Tim Firment (TF) and Josh Rhodes (JR)- representatives of Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat for Humanity project will consist of 4 affordable homes, consisting of 2 buildings with 2 units per building. They are requesting a waiver of septic and building fees. The total of the fees for building and septic was \$3,040.00.

TK: Motion to allow the waiver request for Habitat for Humanity. The requests are to waive the fees for the septic system and the building application fees for 91-93 and 95-97 Stonebridge Road.

CH: the Board did not allow waiver of fees for a recent request from a local church building application. Do they own the land? Tree cutting, ground breaking has been done... before actual transfer of ownership?

TF: There was a one day permit allowed for groundbreaking.

CH: there was much debris left on the property from the tree clearing done prior to the ground breaking. Why has that not been cleared?

TF & JR : The property cannot be cleared until the land transfer has taken place. Habitat is going before the Board of Selectmen this evening and are hoping to receive their property transfer documents so they can move forward.

Vote: 4-1 yes - TK, MW, MB, EB No CH

7:23 p.m. **General Business**

Bills have been paid,

**Tk: Motion to approve minutes of September 15, 2009, April 24, 2012 and February 27, 2012 as amended.
Vote 5-0 all in favor**

7:30 p.m. Director's Report has been reviewed- a copy is attached
BOH priorities- to begin work on Tobacco Regulations- a resident has offered assistance with bringing our Tobacco regulations up to date and Julia has a contact at the State office of Tobacco control.

Upcoming meeting dates: Tuesday October 15, 2013 and Monday October 28, 2013

7:49 p.m. Public Comments for Fluoride

Leonard Carapezza- Local dentist who has read, gone online and presented information to the board. He has reached out to 6 physicians, and they have written letters to the Board in support of community fluoridation .

7:55 p.m. Dr. Myron Allukian, D.D.S., M.P.H., has come to speak to the Board regarding Fluoride.

Dr. Allukian has updated the Board with his credentials regarding his education and his background in Public Health and his studies in Fluoridation.

Jonathan Bower- 18 Holiday Rd- question regarding infant formula concentrated with fluoridated water.. Breast milk is always recommended for the first year. Mother using fluoridated water to constitute infant formula, there could be mild fluorosis. Parents should consult their Pediatrician for their advice regarding families using fluoridated water for constituting infant formula.

Audrey Kearn- Wayland Dentist, patients seldom complain, she offers information to correct the fluorosis on the teeth and often parents opt to not do correction.

9:45 p.m. Dr. Brewer has left the meeting.

Dr. Carrapezza started his practice before fluoride was added to the water, now treating the 2nd generation with fluoridation; he now sees only 5% of patients with cavities. He would like to remind the board that the state has not officially approved or given the green light for communities that fluoridate to reduce the level to .7 ppm. The State Department of Public Health is where we should be taking our direction from on public health matters as important as this, important to the community health.

As today received by BOH office: the tally of mail received from Wayland residents is as follows:

Residents 10 in favor of keeping fluoridation,
Residents 11 in favor of removing fluoridation

**CH: motion to reduce the target concentration of fluoride in Wayland public water supply to .7 ppm as soon as reasonably possible. Subject to staff review of any possible fees incurred. Second MW
Vote 3-1 in favor CH, MW, MB opposed TK**

10:56 TK: Meeting adjourned second CH

Respectfully submitted
Patti White
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Approved 080414