

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:06p.m. Present were Thomas Klem, Chair (TK), Elisabeth Brewer, M.D. (EB) and John G. Schuler (JS). Also present were Julia Junghanns (JJ) Director of Public Health and Patti White, Department Assistant.

7:05 p.m. Public Comment

7:06p.m. **Sign Mutual Aid Agreement with Sudbury for Public Health Agencies-**

The document was created by the State for communities to use for assistance in the case of an emergency and there is a need for assistance. The Town of Sudbury Health Dept. does not have a "second in command" to take over when the Director is unavailable and this would allow Professional Assistance for both towns in times of need, if either Director is out of town/unavailable.

Both Health Directors Junghanns and Murphy feel that since Wayland and Sudbury are such similar towns it makes sense to have a formal agreement. Most situations that might be encountered would be likely for a restaurant fire or an inspection needed if one of the Health Directors is out of town or on vacation.

The document template was created by the State for communities to use for assistance in the case of an emergency and there was need for Professional Assistance. The document has been approved by both Wayland and Sudbury Boards of Health and Boards of Selectmen.

The Wayland Board of Health feels this is a good formal document to have in place should an emergency situation arise.

The Board has signed the document

7:10 p.m. **Review & Discuss MDPH Cancer Incidence Report & Town Supplement, 2007-2011 and letter received from MDPH dated 01/07/2016**

The State issues an annual update to the "Cancer Incidence in Massachusetts", the report covers a 5 year period. The report is received 3 years after the last reporting date. Some questions were brought to the Health Department and Board after the release of data for the 4 year period 2004- 2008. There is a series of correspondence with the State regarding the numbers of incidents of breast cancer from a prior report, (2007-2011) MDPH was to supply information regarding their research on the numbers. The Board had requested information/further study on the statistically significant breast cancer incidence with consideration of the locations of residence in Wayland. A response from MDPH dated 1/7/16 was reviewed. Two census tracts, north (3662) and south (3661), three hazardous waste sites were looked at; 1 Watertown Dairy, (now the Sedgemoor recreation area) Wayland Middle School (former dump) and the Dow Chemical site. The MDPH said there was no reported increase in the neighborhoods surrounding the three Toxic Waste Cleanup sites. Factors believed to contribute to the higher incidents were, age at first full-term birth and higher levels of education (promoting early testing) the findings also indicated that Wayland women were being screened for breast cancer earlier and/or more regularly than women statewide.

LS: Thank you for staying on top of this. Are any of the other communities with tracts with higher incidents? Is there anything to be learned from those town studies? Regarding environmental exposures; families who lived there 60's, 70's and 80's, did they research back to those residents? How do you make residents aware? How do you explain the numbers to residents?

JS: these numbers are all averages; this one year was the only time we saw elevated numbers in Wayland, this may just be a statistical variation. Breast Cancer is age dependent (age 70 is double of age 35) you find more

cancer when you look for it, higher incidents of screenings are contributing to the numbers. These numbers should be watched in the next 5, 10 years to see if there is a trend.

JJ: An email from 1/14/16 from Jan Sullivan, references a recent supplement (2006-2010) with the higher statistics of brain cancer and ONS (other nervous system). The email provides a summary of the response from Ms. Sullivan to a resident request for more information on specific instances in Wayland. The bottom line is; "based on a review of risk factor information, histology or cancer subtype, and geographic distribution, the patten of brain and ONS cancers in Wayland during 2006-2010 did not appear unusual."

7:30 p.m. **Medical Marijuana Regulations- Discussion and review of other Town Regulations and documents**

The review and discussion was based around three documents; The Wayland Regulations Restricting the Sale of Marijuana, which was created from the draft template received from DJ Wilson from (Tobacco Control) MMA , the Town of Framingham Marijuana Regulations as well as the Town of Wayland Tobacco Regulations.

Chair Tom Klem has taken the Draft State document, and incorporated language from the Framingham Marijuana Regulations and the Wayland Tobacco Regulations and has drafted the; Regulations of the Wayland Board of Health Restriction the Sale of Marijuana.

The title is to be revised to read: Regulations of the Wayland Board of Health Regulating the Sale of Medical Marijuana. Section B: Authority- second line, blue section, insert "shall permit Marijuana smoking. Section C- Definitions: page 5- Registration Card: this definition mentions that a personal caregiver may be granted a Hardship Cultivation registration- How are these tracked? Section D- License to Operate a Registered Marijuana Dispensary= 1) replace the name Framingham with Wayland. 5th line discusses meeting zoning restrictions- Wayland currently has no Marijuana Zoning Regulations."

Framingham Regulations section 3.00 Definitions- references Town by-laws, building and BOH regulations ; how do we want to handle this section?

Linda Segal, Aqueduct Road: Is there networking within the town regarding setting this up town wide? MMA is having their annual meeting soon; do they have any plans to assist towns with this process?

EB: why are we not working on zoning regulations for spring or fall town meeting? Does the State require card holders to register with the Town? How do we know if someone is growing for personal use? We need to consider addressing the size of cultivation we will allow for personal and commercial grow areas (square footage). This should be one area we should address sooner than later, as persons in the state (in Wayland) may have already been granted Cultivation Hardship Allowances. There was discussion regarding personal caregivers and how this will all work, and what is the Police Dept. role.

Chair Tom Klem will work on the draft, the Board will continue it's work again at the next meeting.

8:40 p.m. Question by resident Susan Reed, 58 Glezen Lane regarding the rolling items of priority: concussions and artificial turf. She wanted to know if they were being discussed as a joint item, she says there is new research regarding concussions on Artificial Turf and a correlation.

Concussions subject matter had been well vetted and much time was spent with many individuals who were interviewed including a thorough review of state regulations and town protocols/policies, as well as a full discussion with PHN/Nurse Leader Ruth Mori and High School CHN Amy Schoeff.

EB: The board had completed their research and interviews; regarding the Town Policies and Concussions and the next step was to provide an awareness statement to be shared with the School dept. and Recreation Commission.

Artificial Turf will be part of a future agenda.

TK: Is there an easy way to link the state concussion protocol and awareness piece in conjunction with recreation on their website, as well as ours with our statement?

9:00 p.m. **General Business**

The bills have been approved

Minutes of November 12, 2013 and May 20, 2013:

TK: Motion to accept the minutes of November 12, 2013, as amended second EB, vote 3-0 (JS as to form).

TK: Motion to accept as the minutes of May 20, 2013 as amended Second EB vote 3-0 all in favor. (JS as to form).

The Director's report has been reviewed.

Post (Zika) travel warning on BOH website

9:25 p.m. TK: Motion to adjourn, second EB

Respectfully submitted
Patti White
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