



# TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH

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## BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY MEETING

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Tuesday

October 13, 2009  
Forbes Municipal Bldg., Room 24  
5:30 p.m.

## AGENDA

1. Minutes of Meeting (9/15/09)
2. Director's Reports (9/09)
3. Sanitarian's Reports (9/09)
4. Health Inspector's Reports (9/09)

### **New Business**

- A. Ediberto Santiago - The Grape Vine - 6:00 p.m.
- B. Dump Sticker Fee Report
5. Director's Issues
6. Adjourn



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## Minutes of Board of Health Meeting October 13, 2009

The regular Board of Health meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, in room 24 in the Forbes Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Reh. Those present were Members Ehrlich and Federici, Director McNulty, Sanitarian Baccari, and Inspector Gilchrist. Bills and payroll were signed.

Minutes of meeting held on September 15, 2009, were reviewed and approved.

Director's report was discussed and approved. An update was given on 11 Bowman Street. Director McNulty went to Housing Court on September 25<sup>th</sup>. There were only a few things left to clean up on the property. A thirty-day extension was agreed upon by the Court and the Town.

Sanitarian's report was discussed and approved.

Health Inspector's report was discussed and approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **The Grape Vine - Ediberto Santiago**

Mr. Santiago had been requested to appear before the Board to discuss non-payment of \$200.00 for a non-compliance fee that was issued in May 2009; he did not appear. The BOH's policy on non-compliance fees states the fee must be paid within 30 days or a public hearing will be scheduled to suspend or revoke the license. Director McNulty stated he called Mr. Santiago on August 5<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Santiago said he would mail a check that day. The check was never received. A letter was mailed to Mr. Santiago informing him of tonight's hearing.

Director McNulty recommended the Board give him ten days (until Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>) to pay the fee or his permit to operate a retail food service will be revoked. A police officer will deliver the notice.

Director McNulty said Mr. Santiago also holds a liquor permit. When it comes time to renew that permit with the Board of Selectmen at the end of the year, the permit will not be issued if he owes any money to the Town. Director McNulty said the BOH will get their money sooner or later.

In response to a question from Member Ehrlich, Director McNulty said there are currently no late fees or fines charged.

Chairman Reh said he is in favor of revoking his license right now. Mr. Santiago has had plenty of time to pay the fee. He would also like to see a fee schedule of late fees/fines. Member Ehrlich agreed.

Member Ehrlich suggested suspending Mr. Santiago's license tonight and give him until the end of the month to pay the fee or suspend his license. If he pays the fee, the suspension will be withdrawn.

**Member Ehrlich made a motion to suspend The Grape Vine's limited retail food permit effective at the first opportunity for Ediberto Santiago to be notified. If the non-compliance fee of \$200 is not paid by November 2, 2009, the permit will be revoked. The motion was seconded by Member Federici; the vote was unanimous.**

### ***Dump Sticker Fee Report***

In response to FINCOM's request for dump sticker fees to subsidize the trash budget, Director McNulty reviewed several past years' sales of stickers. In order for the fees to finance the entire trash budget, Director McNulty said the BOH would have to charge \$200 a year per sticker (currently the fee is \$40 a year).

Member Federici said that was unacceptable in this present economy. Many residents will not be able to afford that and will resort to illegal dumping.

Member Ehrlich commented that Tidy Town customers would pay less than those who bought dump stickers.

In response to a question from Chairman Reh, Director McNulty said the decision should be made by January/February. Because there is an expiration date on the sticker, the Board should also decide whether to make it a one-year sticker or a two-year sticker.

While FINCOM wants the BOH to raise sticker prices to a level to subsidize the program, they want the BOH to set the price; FINCOM does not want the responsibility. Director McNulty commented that he doesn't think the Finance Committee understands how much the fees would have to be raised.

Director McNulty said the Town's contract with Wheelabrator is stable.

Member Ehrlich said any increase would have to be manageable for the residents.

Chairman Reh said that in this current economic climate, he is having a hard time justifying raising the price even \$10.00.

Member Ehrlich said if you push it too much, people will resort to other means, e.g., share stickers, illegal dumping, etc.

The Board members agreed to table discussion until next meeting.

Member Ehrlich requested a member of the Finance Committee attend the Board's next meeting. Director McNulty will contact the BOH's liaison who is Rev. Robert Brown.

Discussion ended at 6:00 pm

### **Directors' Issues**

Distribution of the H1N1 vaccine has started, but Director McNulty does not know when the BOH will receive their vaccine or what formulation. School children (on a school-by-school basis) and first responders will be vaccinated first. The schools will be in charge of the forms and the BOH will provide the nurses (VNA) and vaccine. Director McNulty has agreed to pay for vaccinator training for the EMTs and paramedics on the condition they will work the flu clinics; they will be paid. Director McNulty said the BOH will be getting an additional grant of \$8,900 to be used for the administration of the H1N1 vaccine.

Distribution of the seasonal flu vaccine has been delayed. The BOH has received only 2/3 of its seasonal flu allotment. The clinic scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> will have to be modified with restrictions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be November 17, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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