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## BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday  
February 9, 2010  
Forbes Municipal Bldg., Room 24  
5:30 p.m.

## AGENDA

1. Minutes of Meeting (1/19/2010)
2. Director's Report (1/2010)
3. Sanitarian's Report (1/2010)
4. Health Inspector's Report (1/2010)

### **New Business**

- A. Jim Malloy, Town Manager - Discussion
5. Director's Issues
6. Adjourn



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## Minutes of Board of Health Meeting February 9, 2010

The regular Board of Health meeting was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, in room 24 in the Forbes Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Reh. Present: Members Federici and Ehrlich, Director McNulty, Sanitarian Baccari, and Health Inspector Gilchrist. Bills and payroll were signed.

Minutes of meeting held on January 19, 2010, were reviewed and approved.

Director's report (1/10) was discussed and approved.

Sanitarian's report (1/10) was discussed and approved.

Health Inspector's report (1/10) was discussed and approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim Malloy, Town Manager, came before the Board to discuss the solid waste budget and the possibility of instituting a "pay as you throw" program. (A memo from Mr. Malloy describing his thoughts about a PAYT program and its benefits had been distributed to the Board members earlier.)

Mr. Malloy, along with Director McNulty, believe the best way to approach this is to form a task force to look at how the Town currently handles its trash and how other communities handle their solid waste and recycling. His memo was driven by the fact that he is trying to close a nearly million dollar budget gap. Currently the solid waste doesn't pay for itself. A program such as PAYT would reduce the cost to the taxpayer. Mr. Malloy added that the deficit in the Town's budget is not just for this year, but, according to his projections, for the next five years. He's trying to find some solutions and options to reduce costs to the Town's residents.

Director McNulty said the Board of Health has been the administrator of the solid waste program for many years and it has changed a little over the last few years. A committee to look at the whole program is a great idea. There are several things to consider. Town residents are provided with a lot of services at Harvey's (e.g., disposal of furniture, TVs, computer monitors, yard waste, etc.). With curbside collection, just the bags are collected, not the lawnmower, furniture, yard waste, etc. Director McNulty said the residents should decide and public hearings should be held as well.

Mr. Malloy said he realizes there are a lot of issues. The committee would look at all the services that are provided, how they are paid for and deal with it in a comprehensive manner.

Member Ehrlich said the committee should look at everything and consider all the options.

Director McNulty said members of the committee should include representatives from the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health and the community. Director McNulty said he would be available to supply technical and financial information, along with a representative or two from Harvey's.

Chairman Reh said he would like to see a mission statement.

Mr. Malloy said he will work on something with Director McNulty for the Board's next meeting. It's not going to happen quickly, but we need to be looking at it. No real action is required right now.

Director McNulty said as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, a new two-year dump sticker starts. The Town probably wouldn't want to start a new program in the middle of that.

In response to a question from Chairman Reh, Mr. Malloy said that there are a number of things being considered to close the gap over the next five years and keep the Town within Proposition 2 ½. The Health Insurance Plan design for Town employees is one thing along with instituting a meal tax that was originally defeated at the last Town Meeting. The School Budget is also being considered in his analysis.

Director McNulty said that ultimately it will come down to the voters at Town Meeting.

Board members thanked Mr. Malloy for coming. Discussion ended 6:10 pm.

#### **DIRECTOR'S ISSUES**

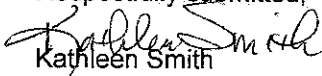
The H1N1 clinics are done. Approximately 3,500 residents were immunized. One more clinic will be held at the Senior Center on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and it will not be advertised. It's primarily for those who require a second dose.

There were several volunteers who contributed their time and effort at the clinics. Director McNulty would like to plan a recognition ceremony sometime in the next month or two.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm

The next regular meeting will be held on March 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathleen Smith