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BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday
March 15, 2011
Forbes Municipal Bldg., Room 24
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Meetings (2/15/2011)
2. Director's Report (Feb.)
3. Sanitarian's Report (Feb)
4. Health Inspector's Report (Feb)

New Business

- A. Recombinant DNA Regulations - Discussion
5. Director's Issues
6. Adjourn



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Minutes of Board of Health Meeting March 15, 2011

The regular Board of Health meeting was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, in room 24 in the Forbes Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Ehrlich. Present: Member Walsh, Director McNulty, Sanitarian Baccari, and Health Inspector Gilchrist. Absent: Member Federici. Bills and payroll were signed.

Minutes of the meeting held February 15, 2011, were approved.

Director's report (Feb.) was discussed and approved. A recent regionalization meeting held in Worcester was discussed.

Sanitarian's report (Feb.) was discussed and approved. Housing inspections conducted at residences on East Main Street and Mayberry Drive were discussed.

Health Inspector's report (Feb.) was discussed and approved.

New Business

Recombinant DNA Regulations – Discussion

The BOH adopted rules and regulations for the use of recombinant DNA technology in 1987. Westborough's Economic Development Committee, along with MassBio, want to start promoting the biotech industry in the area. With that in mind, the Board decided the current regulations needed to be revised and modified.

The City of Cambridge (MA) became the first city to regulate biotechnology research and manufacturing in 1977.

Using the policies and procedures of the Cambridge Biosafety Committee, that also incorporated NIH Guidelines, as a template, Member Walsh made several suggestions. There was discussion regarding the permit-granting process, inspections, fees/fines, rodent control, employee training and safety. A variance provision will be added, along with a penalty section.

A draft version of the regulations will be presented at the April meeting.

Director's Issues

As anticipated, a sewer-like odor developed around Mill Pond as the ice melted. It should disappear by the end of the month.

Copies of a preliminary draft of a space-needs study conducted for the Town Hall and the Forbes Municipal Building were distributed. The study has the Board of Health transferred to the second floor of the Town Hall and the police detectives would occupy the BOH's current office.

The next meeting will be held April 12, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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