



BOARD OF HEALTH

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## BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday  
September 13, 2011  
Forbes Municipal Bldg., Room 24  
5:30 p.m.

## AGENDA

1. Minutes of Meetings (7/12/2011 & 7/19/2011)
2. Director's Reports (July & August)
3. Sanitarian's Reports (July & August)
4. Health Inspector's Reports (July & August)
5. New Business
  - A. Clean Harbors contract
  - B. Regionalization Discussion
  - C. Appoint Representative to Region II Public Health Emergency Coalition
6. Director's Issues
7. Adjourn



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## Minutes of Board of Health Meeting September 13, 2011

The regular Board of Health meeting was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, in room 24 in the Forbes Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. by Chairman Federici. Those present were Members Ehrlich and Walsh, Director McNulty, Sanitarian Baccari and Inspector Gilchrist. Bills and payroll were signed.

Minutes of the meeting held on July 12, 2011, were reviewed and approved.

Minutes of public hearings held on July 19, 2011, were reviewed and approved.

Director's reports (July & August) were discussed and approved.

Sanitarian's reports (July & August) were discussed and approved.

Health Inspector's reports (July & August) were discussed and approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CLEAN HARBORS CONTRACT**

**A motion was made by Member Walsh to accept the contract presented by Clean Harbors for the Household Hazardous Waste Day. Motion seconded by Member Ehrlich; the vote was unanimous.** The contract was signed by Chairman Federici.

The Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2011. Funds were appropriated at the annual Town meeting in May.

#### **REGIONALIZATION DISCUSSION**

An update was given by Director McNulty. There have been several conference calls and he has attended meetings with other area health agents and other potential grantees. Director McNulty said that at this point, he does not have enough information to say that the Town should join. There are still too many details to work out; there is no description of services. There has been no financial analysis done so far. Somewhere along the way, Worcester was chosen as the host community for this area. As the host community, Westborough would contract with Worcester for services. The representative from Worcester has indicated that it would not cost the towns any more than they're paying now and they would get all of the services plus more through grants. If Westborough became a member of the regionalization, the Board's employees would become Worcester employees. A decision to join the regional district will likely have to be made by later this month. Director McNulty said a project like this cannot be done within a six month timeframe; it should take a couple of years. There should be a master plan.

Chairman Federici said she strongly opposes participating in the regionalization.

Director McNulty talked to the Town Manager today and he feels pretty much the same way.

Director McNulty said that, according to the consultant, towns that are interested in joining have to make a decision this month.

**Member Ehrlich made a motion to not proceed with any further regionalization activities with the exception of information gathering on how far it's going for Worcester and the towns that are interested. Member Walsh seconded; the vote was unanimous.**

The Town Manager will be notified of the Board's decision.

#### **APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO REGION 2 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY COALITION**

**Member Walsh made a motion to appoint Paul McNulty, Director of Public Health, as the Town's representative to the Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition.**

**Member Ehrlich seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.**

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

An update was given on the Town's responses to Tropical Storm Irene. Both the Town Manager and Fire Chief were out of town at the time. Director McNulty attended the EOC on Sunday morning, along with representatives from the DPW and Fire Department. Director McNulty was designated shelter coordinator; the high school was designated the shelter. Later in the day, Director McNulty was notified that several areas in Town had no electricity and the Police Department had received some calls from residents who needed electricity for their medical devices. After discussion with the Police Chief, it was decided that the Senior Center would be used as a shelter instead of the high school. Some cots were brought to the center. Two residents spent the night at the center. Electricity was restored to most of the Town by later in the morning (Monday).

The high school was not used as a shelter because the hot water heater was not connected to the generator.

Chairman Federici said residents were confused about the correct designated shelter. The Town needs to identify a shelter well before the event and someone needs to be in charge. People need to know before there is an emergency.

Director McNulty said there are not enough electrical outlets in the high school's two gyms. The gyms measure approximately 100' x 100'.

Director McNulty said the Gibbons Middle School is the designated shelter in the emergency plan.

Chairman Federici said for long-term planning, a shelter has to have showers and a kitchen.

**Member Ehrlich made a motion that the members of the Board of Health request that the Board of Selectmen appoint a committee to develop a detailed shelter plan for emergencies. The motion was seconded by Member Walsh; the vote was unanimous.**

A flu shot clinic will be scheduled soon. The Board's total allotment for state-supplied influenza vaccine this year is only 180 doses and is only available for children and under-insured/uninsured adults. The clinic will be advertised with those restrictions.

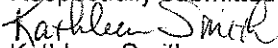
Director McNulty displayed some of the equipment purchased by a grant from the Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition; one AM radio transmitter with a portable antenna, 4 roadside signs

that inform residents to listen to 1610 AM for information in the case of an emergency (various messages can also be displayed on the signs). On loan from the coalition is a permanent antenna that is 24 feet tall and weighs 235 lbs that can be put into the ground. The antenna will be loaned out to other communities as needed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathleen Smith

