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## BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday  
September 18, 2012  
Forbes Municipal Building, Room 24  
5:30 p.m.

## AGENDA

1. Minutes of Meeting (7/17/2012)
2. Director's Reports (July & August)
3. Sanitarian's Reports (July & August)
4. Health Inspector's Reports (July & August)
5. Director's Issues
6. Adjourn



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## Minutes of Board of Health Meeting September 18, 2012

The regular Board of Health meeting was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, in room 24 in the Forbes Municipal Building, 45 West Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. by Chairman Walsh. Present: Member Ehrlich, Director McNulty, Sanitarian Baccari and Inspector Gilchrist. Absent: Member Federici. Bills and payroll were signed.

Minutes of the meeting held on July 17, 2012, were approved.

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

Sanitarian's reports (July & August) were discussed and approved. On-going problems with the owner of a rooming house on East Main Street were discussed. After a recent reinspection, a few of the maintenance items had been fixed, but overall sanitation in the bathrooms and hallways was poor. This rooming house is licensed by the Board of Selectmen and they are considering suspending its license.

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

The Board acknowledged Beth Morin, 4 Stone Hill Road. She was questioning the policy for purchasing a second transfer station sticker. She bought a dump sticker in the beginning of the summer. When her husband came into the office a short time ago to purchase another sticker, he was told he would have to pay full price (\$120). The regulations state that the discounted price applies only if the second sticker is purchased with the first sticker and does not apply to a later date. Ms. Morin said that this was the first time she had ever purchased a sticker and no one told her about the policy for a second sticker. She said she thinks she should still be able to get the second sticker for the discounted price. Ms. Morin explained that she had never bought a sticker before and didn't know anything about the pricing or anything. She said she doesn't remember if she used a check or a credit card. She was cleaning out her basement and decided she needed a sticker even though she also uses Tidy Town.

Director McNulty explained that the Board discovered, over a period of time, that the policy for the discounted price for the second sticker was being abused. Residents were coming in long after the purchase of the original sticker and purchasing second stickers at the discounted price and handing them to out-of-town friends and relatives.

Ms. Morin said the sticker is for the same household and should be sold at half price, not the full price. She doesn't understand the price difference. It's very frustrating.

Member Ehrlich said we have a policy that is in place and is enforced town-wide. If you want to change the policy, the time to do it is at the beginning of the cycle, not after a number of residents have paid according to the policy. We have a fee policy that has been in place for a long time.

Director McNulty said the policy is in the Rules and Regulations that is given to everyone when they purchase the stickers.

Ms. Morin said she wondered if people really read the regulations and memorize them. She said she finds it very frustrating. What it boils down to, she said, is she is stuck with one sticker for one car for two years because she refuses to pay another \$120 for a sticker. She said she thinks the Town uses it to make a \$60 profit. She doesn't think it's fair; there shouldn't even be a policy.

Chairman Walsh said that he has one sticker for one car. That car had to go in for repairs for several days and he had to come to the BOH office and purchase a one day pass because his trash was piling up. He can understand the frustration sometimes with the policy, but it is the policy. You want to change the policy after you made your choice because you want the discount.

Ms. Morin said she didn't know about the discount. Chairman Walsh replied that Ms. Morin had to find out about it at some point. Ms. Morin said she found out about it when her husband came in a week or so ago to get a sticker.

Sanitarian Baccari said residents do come back to purchase a second sticker and are charged the full price. They might not be happy about it, but they pay it.

Member Ehrlich said this discussion was not on the agenda and he's not comfortable with making a possible change in the policy tonight. He would like others to have the opportunity to weigh in.

**Member Ehrlich made a motion to postpone a decision on a change in the policy until next month's meeting. Chairman Walsh seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.**

Director McNulty will review the policies of neighboring towns that have transfer stations.

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

The AM Radio Notification System is now operational and functions on a frequency of 1610 AM. The antenna was installed on the roof of the Forbes Municipal Building. It covers the entire town with its signal. It will broadcast emergency and informational messages and its use will be available for all Town departments. The equipment was obtained through a grant from the Region 2 Public Health Preparedness Coalition.

Because State Health officials have raised the EEE threat to high in Westborough, the decision has been made to close park, recreation fields and school fields at sunset until further notice.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 16, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathleen Smith