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BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday
April 16, 2013
Forbes Municipal Building, Room 24
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Meeting (3/19/2013)
2. Director's Report (March)
3. Sanitarian's Report (March)
4. Health Inspector's Report (March)
5. Director's Issues
6. Adjourn



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Minutes of Board of Health Meeting April 16, 2013

The regular Board of Health meeting was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, 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 March 19, 2013, were approved.

Director's report (March) was discussed and approved.

Sanitarian's report (March) was discussed and approved.

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

A table-top exercise recently held in Hopedale was discussed. The scenario was a flu pandemic outbreak that originated in China and spread to the US.

Regarding the draft regulations for medical marijuana recently presented by DPH, Member Ehrlich asked if were possible for the BOH to get a list of people who have qualified to cultivate marijuana in their own homes (according to the exemptions outlined by DPH). He realizes this information would have to be kept confidential. He wants the BOH to be able to inspect and make sure they're complying with the regulations. Director McNulty said at this time, local boards of health will not be the enforcing agency; DPH will provide the inspectors. DPH has been under-funded in the past and not conducted many inspections, but he believes that once these regulations are enacted, DPH will hire more inspectors. Because of the recently approved medical marijuana zoning bylaw, the Town cannot have a dispensary. That may or may not be a problem with people growing their own. DPH has also said food infused with marijuana is not a food; it is m.i.p (marijuana infused product) and is not subject to the State Sanitary Code.

Director's Issues

To prepare for the Town Hall renovation, it appears several of the Town Hall departments will be relocated to the auditorium here in the Forbes Municipal Building. The BOH will be moved to the second floor of the Central One Federal Credit Union building located at 40 South Street. The Recreation Department will be relocated to the Forbes Community Building and the Historical Commission will be relocated on the third floor of the FMB. The renovation is expected to last approximately 18 months.

An outline for a part-time health inspector position was distributed. The BOH has not hired any additional personnel in 24 years. The additional inspector would be part-time (16 hours/week) and would be used primarily for food service inspections.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen Smith