



BOARD OF HEALTH

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BOARD OF HEALTH MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday
September 13, 2016
Westborough Town Hall, 34 West Main Street,
Lower Level Conference Room
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Meeting (July 19, 2016)
2. Director's Reports (July & August)
3. Sanitarian's Reports (July & August)
4. Health Inspectors' Reports (July & August)
5. Director's Issues

Adjournment



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Minutes of Board of Health Meeting September 13, 2016

The regular Board of Health meeting was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, in the conference room in the lower level of Town Hall, 34 West Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Walsh. Present: Member Hashmi, Director Baccari, Sanitarian Gauthier, and Inspector Gilchrist. (Member Ehrlich arrived at 5:50 p.m.)

The minutes of the meeting held on July 19, 2016, were approved.

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

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

Health Inspectors' reports including part-time Health Inspector (July and August) were discussed and approved.

Director's Issues

- The FDA conducted a tobacco sales compliance check in July and Julio's Liquors was caught selling tobacco to a minor. The BOH wasn't notified until the end of August. No fine was issued but the offense was counted towards their vetting period.
- Board members signed a letter confirming Director Baccari as the Westborough Board of Health's designated representative to the Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition. Sanitarian Gauthier was designated as Director Baccari's alternate.
- According to the manager of the Town's water treatment plant, the EPA requires testing of unregulated contaminants periodically. The EPA did test for PFOA and PFOS in 2014 and 2015. The results for PFOA in all five wells was 20 parts per trillion; for PFOS the results were 40 per trillion. The results indicate the lowest detection level for the method used according to the plant manager. The DEP is looking into testing standards for emerging contaminants such as PFOS / PFOA. Westborough's water supply is in great shape.
- Testing for lead and copper in the water supply in Westborough's schools is currently being conducted by the Board of Health. The DEP is also involved. The sinks and water fountains will be mapped in all the schools and faucets will be labeled. All the data will be entered into a database. Deadline for the project is the end of October. The Gibbons Middle School will not be tested because of construction and remodeling being done at the school. The School Department is to notify parents about the testing and results will be made public.
- The Town is advertising for a part-time animal control officer/animal inspector. Deadline for applications is September 20, 2016. The Shrewsbury animal control officer has been assisting in the meantime; Director Baccari was appointed interim animal inspector in July.
- Director Baccari, along with DEP Recycling Coordinator, Irene Congdon, gave a powerpoint presentation of the proposed curbside SMART program to the Board of Selectmen at their August

meeting. The presentation and discussion lasted over an hour. Director Baccari will contact the Town Manager regarding a possible joint meeting with the BOS to discuss the next step. Chairman Walsh said if the boards decide to leave the current trash disposal program as is, there will be no need to go to town meeting. If the boards decide to go forward with the new program, then it will have to be presented to residents at town meeting either in March or October.

- The Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held Saturday, October 8, 2016, at the Department of Public Works.
- Mosquito control is winding down. Nighttime temperatures are cooler. A mosquito tested positive for the West Nile Virus in the Thomas Newton Drive area. The area was sprayed and treated.

Member Hashmi discussed an EMS study on car accidents in Westborough from 2009 to 2015. The data was compiled and mapped on Google maps by an intern this summer. He said there is a clear trend of -- accidents on Routes 9 and 30, particularly in the evenings on Thursdays and Fridays. He would like the Board members support in presenting the results of his study to the BOS and Planning Board and maybe, the School Department. He believes that road safety is a public health issue. Member Ehrlich said he would like to spend time studying the data before going before the BOS. Member Hashmi will forward DOT statistics and data to Member Ehrlich and Chairman Walsh.

Member Hashmi said he would like to organize an awareness campaign with EMS, along with the BOH, to distribute to households "vials of life". The "vial" or container would contain paperwork detailing current medical information and instructions that could be used by emergency medical personnel in case of an emergency. The Executive Director of the Council on Aging has started this program at the Senior Center.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 6:28 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen Smith



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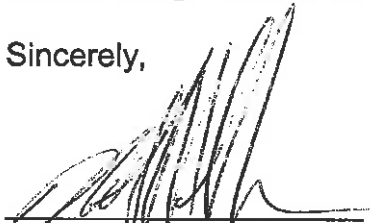

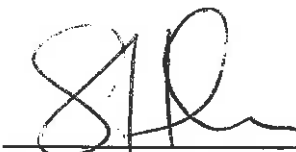
To Whom It May Concern:

Steven Baccari, Director of Public Health, is hereby designated as the Westborough Board of Health's representative to the Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition.

Raymond Gauthier, Sanitarian, is hereby designated as Steven Baccari's alternate.

Each shall have the authority to act on the Board's behalf in all matters pertaining to those issues brought before the Coalition.

Sincerely,


Nathan Walsh, Ph.D
Chairman
Alan Ehrlich, M.D.
Member
Syed Hashmi, M.D.
Member