



THE BOARD OF HEALTH
MIXTER MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING
120 PRESCOTT STREET
WEST BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01583

July 23, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Barrell, Celia Hartigan, Mary-Isabel Luddy and Beverly Salate
Members absent: Alan Harris

Chairman Barrell convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes After review and upon motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Mrs. Luddy it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2008 Board of Health meeting.

Bills were Paid

Certificate of Compliance for 9 Hosmer Street After review and upon motion of Mrs. Luddy and second of Mrs. Salate it was unanimously voted to approve the As-built drawing and Certificate of Compliance for 9 Hosmer Street prepared by Hub Survey on July 7, 2008.

Wachusett Earth Day, Inc. Discussion The Board acknowledged three documents pertaining to the proposed Wachusett Earth Day, Inc. project. Those documents were:

- Letter from Town Administrator Gaumond requesting he be included in all correspondence between the DCR and Town employees regarding the hazardous waste/recycling facility and all future subjects to ensure a better line of communication between the DCR and the Town.
- Two emails from Mindy Esteves informing residents of the hazardous waste/recycling facility plans and to request involvement in preventing the facility by signing a petition and making telephone calls to legislators.

Town Administrator Memo Re: Selectmen's Vote and Updated Sewer List Request Town Administrator Gaumond sent a memo informing the Board that at their July 16, 2008 meeting the Selectmen voted to authorize Town Counsel to initiate litigation in the name of the Town of West Boylston to carry out the vote of the Board of Health for mandatory connection.

This memorandum also requests the Board of Health provide at their earliest convenience, an updated list on the status of those properties that have not yet connected to the sewer system. This memorandum was received on July 17. Mr. Gaumond called a meeting for July 22 between

the Board of Health, DPW Sewer Division and himself. The attendees at this meeting were Town Administrator Gaumond, Board of Health Chair Robert Barrell, Barbara Mard and DPW Director John Westerling. It was determined at that meeting that a joint effort is required to identify properties that have not connected. John Westerling and Barbara Mard spent the morning of July 23, 2008 reconciling multiple lists to create a list of those remaining to connect.

The selection process for enforcement action from Kopelman and Paige was done in four categories:

1. Those who received a waiver from repair to their septic system prior to sewer availability.
2. Those who have made no attempt to do anything to connect.
3. Those who made some attempt in the past and went no further.
4. Those who began the process recently will be in the second enforcement action group.

There is no expiration date for connection once the application is processed. Some residents believe that if they completed the application package there is no date requirement for connection. The Board will continue the process with Kopelman and Paige until all who have the ability have connected.

Town Administrator Wellness Program Memorandum The Board acknowledged a memorandum from Town Administrator Gaumond dated July 22, 2008 regarding the 2008-2009 Wellness Program. The memo addresses physical activity, health education and healthy choices. A list of themes by month for FY09 was also included in the memo.

Resident Letter Re: Street Sign and Blocked Culvert at Shady Lane A letter from Mr. David Casey of 7 Shady Lane dated July 17, 2008 was discussed. Mr. Casey would like the street sign replaced and the culvert that passes through his property cleaned. The issues both have been directed to the DPW by Mr. Casey. There is no need for Board involvement at this time.

Board of Health Members List The Board reviewed their members list for information accuracy. Corrections will be made to the list and distributed to the members.

DEP Notice of Audit Request for Site Inspection The Board was copied on a letter to Mr. Edward Mingolla notifying him his 81 Newton Street property has been selected for an Audit requiring a site inspection. The purpose of the-audit is to ensure compliance with M.G.L. c. 21E, the Massachusetts Contingency Plan. There is no need for Board involvement at this time.

United States Department of the Interior Letter Re: Wells The Board acknowledged a letter dated July 10, 2008, from John Colman of the United States Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) informing them a study to assess concentrations of arsenic and uranium in bedrock wells in east central Massachusetts will be conducted. The purpose is an attempt to determine

if arsenic or uranium concentration in wells is affecting the public health of residents who live in these areas. The sampling phase of this project will be implemented later this summer. Residents will be contacted and participation will be voluntary.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Mrs. Salate and second of Mrs. Luddy it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Barbara A. Mard

Robert J. Barrell, MPA Chairman
N. Alan Harris, MD, MPH, Vice Chairman
Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH
Mary-Elizabeth Luddy, RS
Beverly A. Salate RN, BSN