



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

August 27, 2008 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Letter to Richard Chapman Re: Thank You for Serving on the Board The Board finalized a letter to past member Richard Chapman acknowledging and thanking him for his service to the Town as a member of the Board of Health.

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 23, 2008 Board of Health Meeting.

Bills were Paid

Kopelman & Paine Documents Served Re: Mandatory Connection Regulation Documents prepared by Kopelman & Paige and served to residents in violation of the Mandatory Sewer Connection regulation were acknowledged. This does not represent all the residents in violation. The remainder will be served in the near future.

Asian Longhorned Beetles The Board discussed a letter from City Manager Michael V. O'Brien stating that on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) advance team, confirmed that Asian Longhorned Beetles (ALB) had been found in the Greendale section of Worcester. The letter explains that the ALB is a foreign, invasive, boring insect that poses a serious threat to certain species of hardwood trees. The letter invites the public to a neighborhood meeting on August 20, 2008 at Quinsigamond Community College.

West Nile Virus and Mosquito Control An information packet from the Central Mass Mosquito Control Project was received by the Board on August 5, 2007. The packet included an explanation of the project letter from Timothy D. Deschamps, Executive Director.

Mr. Deschamps explains that the project is administered by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board located in Boston. He estimates the cost to West Boylston to be \$30,000.00 annually with a minimum three year commitment. Membership in the project is done by a majority vote at Town Meeting.

The Project's goal is to reduce mosquito exposure to the public and the potential for disease transmission by mosquitoes, by utilizing proven, sound mosquito control techniques. A detailed packet is available for review.

West Nile Virus, which is spread by mosquitoes, was discovered in neighboring towns during the 2008 season. Residents have expressed a concern and asked if the Board is addressing the August 27, 2008

problem. Upon motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Dr. Harris it was unanimously voted to submit an article to the Town Administrator for inclusion on the October Town Meeting Warrant. The article will say, "To see if the Town will vote to become a member in the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project for a minimum three year period, with an approximate assessment for the Town of \$30,000.00 annually, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 252, Section 5A and other applicable sections of said law; or take any action relative thereto".

October 2008 Semi-Annual Town Meeting The Schedule of events for the fall 2008 Semi-Annual Town Meeting was acknowledged. The Board will submit one article for inclusion on the warrant.

213 Malden Street Zoning Violation The Building Inspector sent a letter to Dwaine Garlisi of 213 Malden Street, dated August 20, 2008, informing him the dwelling unit created in the space above the detached barn cannot be used as an accessory apartment or for any use that is not currently allowed by the Town of West Boylston Zoning By-Laws, single residence. The property has a four bedroom septic system. The barn is connected to the septic system increasing the flow to more than allowed for a four bedroom home. The letter instructs Mr. Garlisi to contact the Board to determine the extent of Title 5 compliance required. If Mr. Garlisi has not contacted the Board after a reasonable amount of time, a letter will be sent requesting that he appear at a Board of Health meeting.

Bill Moisuk, 342 Worcester Street Wood Burning Stoves and Air Quality Mr. Bill Moisuk of 342 Worcester Street sent an email message to the Board regarding a strong smell coming into his windows from a wood pellet burner. Mr. Moisuk asked if there are any regulations, if so are they strong enough, if not do we need them. If Mr. Moisuk contacts the Board again he will be referred to the DEP.

Regulations for Outdoor Hydronic Heaters. Background Document The Board acknowledged the Background Document for amendment to regulations 310 CMR 7.00 for the control of Air pollution in certain areas of Massachusetts for Outdoor Hydronic Heaters dated May 2008, provided by Building Inspector Brodeur.

Minimum Requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste A memorandum containing the final revisions to 105 CMR 480.000 Minimum requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste (State Sanitary Code, Chapter VIII) which specifies minimum requirements for the proper handling, storage treatment, disposal and transportation of medical or biological waste in order to prevent the transmission of disease or the occurrence of associated injury was received from Steven F. Hughes, Director of the Community Sanitation Program, dated August 15, 2008. Copies of the document will be provided to the schools as requested.

Cancer Incidence Report A document containing the cancer incidence in West Boylston between 2001 and 2005 was circulated during the meeting. This document was provided by Susan T. Gershman, MPH, PhD, CTR, Director of Massachusetts Cancer Registry, dated August 22, 2008.

Annual Flu Training The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Local Public Health Institute of Massachusetts are offering training sessions Re: Flu Care at Home. The Board acknowledged the schedule of dates for that training.

Memorandum RE: Improve Town's Bylaws The Board received a memorandum from Town Administrator Gaumond regarding his goal of improving the Town's bylaws dated August 14, 2008. The memo states that there will be an information session with residents to determine how they would like to see the bylaws improved. This meeting will be held on September 4, 2007

at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Fee Schedule Changes The Board reviewed a proposed 2009 Fee Schedule prepared by Barbara Mard. The current schedule was adopted in September 2003. After review and upon motion of Dr. Harris and second of Mrs. Hartigan it was unanimously voted to accept the proposed Fee Schedule with review again in two years. A public hearing will be scheduled for September 24, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. in accordance with the Town Bylaws.

Barbara A. Mard

Robert J. Barrell, MPA Chairman  
N. Alan Harris, MD, MPH, Vice Chairman  
Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH  
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