

# Board of Health

## March 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes

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

Members absent: Alan Harris

Also present: Nanette St. Pierre-Locke, Michael Mard

### **Bills were paid**

**Annual Report** The agenda package included the Annual Report prepared by Mrs. Hartigan and Mrs. Mard. The members read the report, made the appropriate additions and edits. The report is due March 15 and will be submitted on March 11, 2010.

**Nanette St.Pierre-Locke Re: Biotechnical Research Business on Century Drive** Ms. St.Pierre-Locke attended the Board meeting to discuss the regulations governing biotechnical business in West Boylston. The St. Pierre family owns property on Century Drive where there is still acreage available for future business. Ms. St. Pierre-Locke's initial goal was to ask the Board to revisit their Biotechnical Regulations and consider changing them to allow this property to be competitive in that marketplace. It will be key for the property to be "shovel ready" to be competitive for this type of business. Water and sewer services are provided by the City of Worcester so there would be no affect on West Boylston services.

Prior to this meeting, there were two con-calls between Town Administrator Gaumont, Building Inspector Brodeur and Barbara Mard representing the Board. These calls addressed the regulation and zoning. Mr. Brodeur stated that the current zoning on Century Drive allows biotechnical research. Ms. St.Pierre-Locke is having discussions with Worcester and State offices to acquire the most current Biotechnical Research regulations to share with the Board to assist them in potentially changing their regulations to be the same. After doing her research, Ms. St.Pierre-Locke discovered that the Board's current regulations are already in line with the State. No action is necessary from the Board at this time.

**Training** A document from the Massachusetts Environmental Health Association offering a seminar on Wednesday March 31, 2010 regarding basic housing inspections, hoarding and abandoned properties was provided.

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**Air Quality Re: Wood Smoke** A request was received from Ms. Maureen Cowie of 164 Prescott Street via Email on March 5, 2010, for the Board to review the Guidelines for Adopting Municipal regulations to Control Air Pollution under M.G.L. chapter 111, section 31C, outlining

actions available to local jurisdictions to assure improved public health for our residents. She is concerned about matter in wood smoke as it relates to the health of West Boylston residents.

Ms. Mard communicated with Ms. Cowie, giving her the regular Board meeting schedule and asking her to contact the office should she still want to attend a meeting to discuss this subject. As of this date she has not responded.

**Personnel Board Contact** Chairman Barrell commented that on numerous occasions he has tried to contact members of the Personnel Board with no success. The Board would like to change the job grade of their Secretary to Administrative/Inspector. This change is required to be put on the warrant for the May Town Meeting and should go before the Personnel Board prior to that meeting. Mr. Barrell will contact Town Administrator Gaumond and ask how to proceed.

Three members are unable to attend the March 24, 2010 Board regularly scheduled Board meeting. There will be no meeting on that date.

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

Barbara A. Mard

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Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

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N. Alan Harris, MD, MPH, Vice Chairman

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Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH

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Mary-Isabel Luddy, RS

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Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN