

Board of Health
September 14, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Barrell, Alan Harris, Celia Hartigan, Beverly Salate and Sam Wong
Also present: Dale Magee, Derek Brindisi, Jeanne Benincasa, Allen Phillips, Leon Gaumond,
Kevin McCormick and Chris Rucho

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

Central Mass Regional Health Board and City of Worcester Department of Public Health (DPH) Regionalization Discussion Dr. Dale Magee, Commissioner of DPH Worcester, Derek Brindisi, Director of DPH Worcester, Jeanne Benincasa, Consultant to Worcester DPH Regionalization are in attendance at this meeting along with Leon A. Gaumond, Jr. , Town Administrator, Allen Phillips, Kevin McCormick and Christopher Rucho, selectmen. The purpose was to discuss the West Boylston Board of Health being a part of the proposed Central Mass Regional Health Boards.

Mr. Brindisi and Ms. Benincasa gave an overview of the regionalization effort and where we are at this point. An organization chart showing how the regional district would be set up and the strategic goals were distributed. Dr. Magee gave an overview of the future of health care in Massachusetts. He spoke of partnering with hospitals and other health care providers. Dr. Harris asked how West Boylston will fit into the plan. We don't have the same demographic as Worcester. Our needs are more environmental and soils. Mr. McCormick asked about funding. Mr. Brindisi explained that if our group is approved to become a region, funding is provided for the first four years, 100k the first two, 75K for the third and 50k for the fourth year. West Boylston selectmen would be asked to contribute 10K more than they contribute to the Board now. Mr. Phillips asked if there is an opt out clause if the town feels it is not benefiting from regionalization. Dr. Wong commented that it might not be beneficial for the city of Worcester if most other communities only wanted to work on environmental health issues. Dr. McGee responded that we will have to be considerate of each other when making decisions. Mr. Brindisi said that if the region is formed he would like it to be effective July1, 2012. In order for the process to move forward and to be eligible for further grant funding, West Boylston Selectmen and Board of Health members were asked to provide a letter of commitment. When asked what would happen if West Boylston decided not to participate Mr. Brindisi responded that the grant amount would be reduced if only a few communities sign on. Ms. Benincasa was asked to provide additional information to assist the Board's in making their decision. This information would address for example, how hiring, termination, retirement, insurance, salary and increases would be handled. Who would determine priority issues for West Boylston?

Meeting Minutes upon motion of Dr. Harris and second of Dr. Wong it was voted all in favor to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2011 Board of Health meeting.

Certificate of Compliance 405 Lancaster Street The Board approved the As-Built drawings prepared by Hub Survey Associates Inc. on August 12, 2011 for 405 Lancaster Street.

Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing Notice Re; Accessory Apartment at 151 Malden Street The Board reviewed the Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing notice for an accessory apartment at 151 Malden Street. The plans show the homeowner is proposing building a detached garage with an apartment above. After reviewing the septic design plans for the property, the Board will respond to the ZBA with the following comments:

- There is a well on the property that is not indicated on the plan.
- An engineer must be hired to size the system to see if it can handle the additional flow
- A Title 5 inspection is required.

Acknowledgement of documents The Board acknowledged the following documents:

- Notification from CEA of remedial activities to address a release of greater than 25 gallons of non-PCB mineral oil dielectric fluid from a vault mounted transformer located at Stillwater Heights Drive.
- Town Administrator letter regarding improving human resources in West Boylston.
- Town Administrator letter regarding the 2011/2012 wellness program.

Mrs. Mard told the Board about recent issues at Friendly's. There are harmful water issues in the cellar in the walk in refrigerator and caged packaged food area. The Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and Mrs. Mard went to Friendly's together as a result of the police who informed them of the unhealthy conditions. They will be monitored until all the issues are in compliance.

Barbara A. Mard

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

N. Alan Harris, MD, MPH, Vice Chairman

Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH

Beverly A. Salate, RN

Samuel s. Wong, PhD, REHS/RS