



## THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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**February 8, 2012**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Robert Barrell, Celia Hartigan, Beverly Salate and Sam Wong

Members absent: Alan Harris

Also present: Karyn Johnson, Anita Sullivan and Kali Fayton

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

#### **Karyn Johnson Worcester Department of Public Health (DPH) Re: Tobacco and Smoking Regulations**

Karyn Johnson of the Worcester DPH was present to review our Sale of Tobacco Products to Minors Regulations. There are many more products on the market since our regulations were put in place in September 1996. She brought model regulations from December 2008 for the Boston Public Health Commission as a guide for us. She also brought a model regulation from the State's Smoke-free Workplace law which provides a format for municipalities to ban smoking in a category where smoking is currently allowed by state law. Mrs. Mard will prepare drafts of both documents for the Board's review.

Roll your own cigarette machines were discussed. Mrs. Johnson informed the Board there are many issues with these machines. Loose tobacco and papers can be purchased at a low price and a person can roll their own cigarettes for about \$3.00 for 20 cigarettes. The price of a regular package of cigarettes is \$8.46. Taxes are being avoided, and smoking is being promoted. More smoking causes more health issues which also results in health insurance coverage being increased. The state is looking into banning these machines.

The Town of West Boylston has been part of the Worcester Tobacco Collaborative for 15 years. The cost of this is covered by grants from the State. There are 19 cities and towns involved. Services offered are youth and adult education, smoking cessation, regulations assistance and compliance enforcement in the form of stings with issuing of citation and reporting to the Boards and State. The funds for this have been cut resulting in only 50% of the involved communities being selecting for stings. West Boylston was not one of those selected. Chairman Barrell said this is one of his major concerns with the forming of a region that will potentially include West Boylston, reduced services. He will address this at a February 22, 2012 meeting between Derek Brindisi of Worcester DPH and Leon Gaumond, Town Administrator. The Federal Government is doing compliance checks around the state. While this is favorable, the results of the checks are not reported to the community or the State.

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Smoke free housing was addressed. Attorney Chris Bathin was scheduled to be in attendance but was cancelled when it was learned that the West Boylston Housing Authority Board would not be in attendance. When the Housing Authority was asked why they were not going to have representation at the meeting, the response was that they were pursuing it on their own. Mrs. Anita Sullivan, Director of the Housing Authority did come to the meeting. Without Attorney Bathin, there was not much to offer her except for his contact information. He is working with other housing both public and private to put smoke free regulations in place. Mrs. Johnson said Attorney Bathin is the "go to guy" for the best information to achieve this goal.

**Meeting Minutes** After discussion and motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2012 Board of Health meeting.

**Certificate of Compliance 330 Goodale Street** The As-Built drawings for the septic system at 330 Goodale Street were reviewed. Upon motion of Dr. Wong and second of Mrs. Hartigan it was voted all in favor to approve the septic design drawings at 330 Goodale Street prepared by J.M. Grenier Associates Inc. on February 7, 2012, numbered G-278-AB.

**Annual Report** The Board discussed the 2011 Annual Report prepared by Mrs. Hartigan. The suggestions the Board made for changes will be made and the report will be resubmitted for final acceptance.

**Report Request from VNA** The Board would like Maureen Sendrowski of VNA Care Network to supply a report of the number and type of communicable diseases she handled during 2011 for inclusion in the annual report.

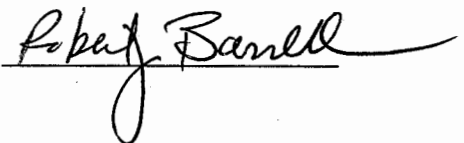
**Wind River Septic Service Report** A report from Wind River Environmental to a resident was discussed. The report is dated December 15, 2011 and provides the resident with information on how they propose handling the cleaning of their system. One paragraph states "There is also the option of a boost custom which is highly concentrated bacteria that will be added to the system and leaching. This method will NOT be reported to the Board of Health". A Title 5 inspector reviewed this advisory document and submitted a copy to the Department of Environmental Protection because of the aforementioned statement. This inspector also provided a copy of the report to the Board of Health. The Board will take no action at this time as it has already been turned over to the Department of Environmental Protection.

**MHOA/Mass DEP Annual Winter Seminar** The announcement for the MHOA/Mass DEP Annual Winter Seminar was acknowledged.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Dr. Wong and second of Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Barbara A. Mard

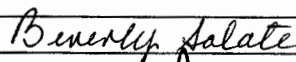
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