

Board of Health
August 8, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Barrell, Alan Harris, Celia Hartigan, Beverly Salate and Lisa Henderson
Others present: Michael P. Hirsh, MD, Acting Commissioner of Public Health, Matthew Armendo,
Colleen Turpin, Patricia Bruchmann, Andrea Crete, Seth Peters

Chairman Barrell convened the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

This is the first Board of Health meeting since the formation of the Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance. Members from Worcester, Holden, Shrewsbury and West Boylston are in attendance. Each person introduced themselves and gave a brief history of themselves.

Dr. Hirsh, Acting Commissioner of Worcester Public Health, explained the goal of the new Alliance.

Mr. Peters spoke about collecting data for the towns from Massachusetts Community Health Information Profile and Vital Records regarding mortality and morbidity issues for tracking and reporting purposes.

Each member of the Alliance shared the activities they have been involved with for West Boylston.

A copy of the Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance Public Information/Media Inquiry Protocols document prepared by Director Brindisi was distributed. Nicole Valentine, Coordinator of Communications, handles dealing with the media for our Alliance group.

Meeting Minutes After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2012 Board of Health meeting.

Bills were paid

Emergency Beaver Permit for 277 Sterling Street Mr. Baldarelli applied for an Emergency Beaver Permit. Mr. Barrell will go to the site to determine if the permit is necessary before approval. Mr. Barrell will contact Mr. Baldarelli on Thursday, August 9, 2012 to arrange a site inspection.

Certificate of Compliance and As Build Drawings for 208 Prescott Street After review and motion of Dr. Harris and second of Mrs. Henderson, it was voted all in favor the approve the As-Built drawings for 208 Prescott Street prepared by Ross Associates in June 2012 numbered M-6553.

Unfunded State Mandates Coalition Invitation The Board acknowledged a memorandum from Municipal Assistant Lucier dated August 3, 2012 regarding an invitation from the Town of Shrewsbury

for the Selectmen to join them and a coalition of cities and towns in Central Massachusetts in developing a more effective approach to establishing a consistent financial relationship with the Commonwealth. The intent of the group is to provide a unified voice for Central Massachusetts and call attention to the various state mandates and regulations which undermine the efforts of cities and towns to provide services in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The Selectmen are interested in suggestions from the Board for consideration.

Open Meeting Law A letter from Kopelman and Paige regarding the Open Meeting Law, Remote Participation and Intentional Violations is in the agenda package. The letter states the Attorney General's Division of Open Government recently issued amended regulations to both remote participation and the definition of an intentional violation. Public bodies subject to the Open Meeting Law should be aware of these developments.

There is a memorandum from Town Administrator Gaumond informing all Boards and Committee's of a mandatory Town Counsel training session on the Open Meeting Law for Tuesday, September 18, 2012 in meeting room one at 7:00 p.m.

Sewer Capacity Assessment A letter from the Planning Board to the selectmen regarding sewer capacity was acknowledged.

Hours of Operation Letter to Trash Haulers The Board has been receiving complaints from a resident on Meadowbrook Drive regarding early morning trash service to West Boylston Street businesses. A letter was sent to all companies permitted by the Board to operate in West Boylston. The letter reminds those businesses of the hours of operation allowed which are 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. The companies were also reminded that permits may be suspended or revoked by the Board for failure of the dumpster contactor or the property owner or his/her authorized agent to comply with the requirements of the Dumpster Regulations, section 15 which states the hours of allowed operation.

Zoning Board Public Hearing Notices The Board acknowledged two public hearing notices as follows:

- Clinton Savings Bank, 306 West Boylston Street requesting a Special Permit for a free standing automatic vending machine, ATM, and remote drive-up teller service.
- Douglas and Diane Meystre 65 Newton Street requesting a petition of appeal pursuant a letter of denial dated May 29, 2012 regarding 68 Newton Street. The abutters are concerned about occupancy of a cottage on the premises.

The Board has no issue with of these requests as both properties are sewerred.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Dr. Harris and second of Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Barbara A. Mard, Inspector/Administrator

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

N. Alan Harris, MD, MPH, Vice Chairman

Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

Lisa Henderson, RN, LSW