

Board of Health

127 Hartwell Street, Suite 100
West Boylston, MA 01583

January 23, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Barrell, Celia Hartigan, Beverly Salate and Lisa Henderson
Also present: Seth Peters, Town Administrator Gaumond

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

Meeting Minutes After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Henderson and second by Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2013 Board of Health meeting.

Annual Report Request A memorandum from Municipal Assistant Lucier was acknowledged. The memo requests department reports for inclusion in the annual report for last year. The deadline for submission is March 1, 2013. Mrs. Hartigan was given all the minutes to prepare the narrative section of the report and Mrs. Mard will prepare the permit section.

Central Thirteen Project The Town of West Boylston partnered with the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) in pursuing a regional economic development project called the Central Thirteen Project. It is a collaborative effort to create a shared framework for identifying regional and local priorities for growth, development and land preservation as well as worker housing opportunities, transportation and other infrastructure investments in the region. Town Administrator Gaumond supplied a link to the report, maps and other relevant project material for the Boards information.

Project CLEAR The Board acknowledged a flyer provided by Karyn Johnson of Tobacco Control for participation in a research project from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard School of Public Health interested in knowing what a sampling of the community thinks about warning labels on tobacco products.

Needle Take Back Program Town Administrator Gaumond joined the meeting. There was a discussion about how West Boylston Residents can dispose of sharps/needles since they are no longer allowed in the regular trash. Mr. Gaumond said that the City is willing to purchase the box for collection of needles but that West Boylston will be responsible for paying to dispose of them. The City has already ordered a box to be placed at the police dept for drug disposal. There will be additional cost as Police Chief Minnich will dispose of them with confiscated drugs. Wachusett Earth day was asked if they would be willing to have the sharps box and they are not. For the time being, Holden Public Safety will allow West Boylston residents to dispose of sharps in the box located in their lobby. Mr. Gaumond feels that the Commonwealth should be doing this themselves.

Robert Johnson Grant and Award Mr. Gaumond shared that City of Worcester and partners of the Robert Johnson Grant have been given an award. Mr. Gaumond along with Director Brindisi and others will be going to Kansas City to accept the award and share experiences related to the grant.

Flu Shot Vouchers Mr. Peters provided ten flu shot vouchers from Walgreens. There is no charge to residents to use these vouchers however the resident must be 18 or older. So far this season there have been 15 confirmed cases of flu.

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