

BOARD OF HEALTH
140 WORCESTER ST
WEST BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01583

January 14, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Barrell, Celia Hartigan, Lisa Henderson and Beverly Salate.
Members absent: Alan Harris
Also present: Seth Peters and Jen Baum

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

Meeting Minutes After review and upon motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Mrs. Henderson it was voted all in favor to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014 Board of Health meeting.

Bills were paid

Jen Baum/ Sunny Knoll Alpacas Re: Farmers Market Ms. Jen Baum was present at the meeting to discuss opening a farmers market at Pinecroft Dairy. Ms. Baum owns Sunny Knoll Alpaca farm and sells the alpaca products in her store located in the Pinecroft Dairy building. She also participates in farmers markets in other Massachusetts towns. Ms. Baum would like the Board to inform her how she should go about permitting vendors. The Board of Health does not permit residents/farms for the sale of produce grown and sold at their properties and does not see the need to permit them for selling the same produce at a different location within the town. Ms. Baum informed the Board the other items that will be offered are Jams, jellies, honey, bread and other baked goods as well as meat. Chairman Barrell questioned how the meat is processed and where. Ms. Baum explained how the meat processing and sale works. Those participating in the market are responsible for getting their own permits. When asked about bathrooms, Ms. Baum informed the Board she has a retail business in the Pinecroft Dairy building and will permit vendors to use. There was a discussion about how much to charge for nonfarm product permits. After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Henderson and second of Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to charge a fee of \$25.00 for the season for the non produce vendors and no fee or permit for produce and honey only.

Budget for FY16 Mrs. Mard prepared the Board of Health budget for FY16 and submitted it to the Town Administrator. The budget is in the agenda package for the Board's review.

Annual Town Meeting Schedule The schedule for the May 18, 2015 Town Meeting is in the agenda package for the Board's information. The Board plans to develop an Animal regulation instead of a bylaw. A bylaw would have to go to Town meeting. Mrs. Mard will check with the Town Administrator to see if a regulation instead of a bylaw is allowed.

Feral Cat Colony in West Boylston Resident Letter The Board received an email message sent on January 8, 2015 at 6:14 p.m. from a resident suggesting there is a feral cat colony in West Boylston. The report was based on hearsay. The same evening at 8:21 p.m. the reporter sent another email with the subject “possible recant”. The property owner was contacted who knows nothing about a feral cat colony at the property. Animal control officer Charles Witkus will be informed.

Facility Inspection-Worcester County House of Corrections and Jail Ryan Michaud, Environmental Health Inspector, CSP,BEH, submitted the Inspection report for the Worcester County House of Correction and Jail conducted by him, Patrick Ryan and Amy Riordan in October of 2014. The inspection is in the agenda package for the Board’s review.

Vaccine Reimbursement The Center for Health Care Financing sent the Town of West Boylston a check for \$59.31 that represents payment for the administration of seasonal influenza and adult vaccines submitted and reconciled as of June 1, 2014. The check includes any remaining balances owed from 2012-2013 flu season and the second payment for 2013-2014 flu season. Mr. Peters explained the flu reimbursement process.

Northeast Energy Direct Project – Natural Gas Pipeline Lori Ferry, AECOM Project Manager sent an information request to Chairman Barrell. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company is proposing the construction and operation of the Northeast Energy Direct Project which will modify its existing pipeline in Massachusetts as well as other states. The information request documents locations in Massachusetts that will be impacted. AECOM requests that the Board of Health review its records relative to any of the referenced areas and provide written comments pertaining to the identified resources. Survey location maps are included showing where in West Boylston the proposed pipeline will be.

Alliance Update Mr. Seth Peters, Chief of Epidemiology gave an update of the activities of the CMRPHA. Karyn Clark, Chief of Community Health sends her thanks for the letter of intent and support of the City of Worcester’s application for the Massachusetts Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative. Angel Brook Condominium residents requested a presentation of emergency preparedness. Liz Foley, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator attended an Association meeting, gave a presentation and had a question and answer session. Mr. Peters shared drug overdose information with the Board.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon motion Mrs. Henderson and second of Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Barbara A. Mard, Public Health

Robert J. Barrell, Chairman, MPA

N. Alan Harris, MD, MPH

Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH

Lisa M. Henderson, RN, LSW

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN