

Winthrop Board of Health

September 27, 2012

Meeting held in the Emergency Operation Center

Convened at 6:05 PM

Adjourned at 7:40 PM

ATTENDING:

James L. Little, Chairman

Nicholas LoConte, member

Bridget Mulkerrin, member

Eric Moore, Director of Public Health

Ro Sarro, RN, Public Health Nurse

Jeanne Maggio, Medical Reserve Coordinator

Minutes of June 28, 2012 as read, stand approved, unless there are objections.

Hearing no objections the minutes of June 28, 2012 have been approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Eliminate title of Board Clerk.

Motion by Bridget Mulkerrin and seconded by Nicholas LoConte to remove title of Clerk.

Motion approved unanimously.

B. North Suffolk Shared Public Health Concerns report by the MAPC.

ACTION: Report reviewed.

### C. Proposed Rodent Control Ordinance.

ACTION: Proposal reviewed. Report with changes to be reviewed by Building Inspector.  
Final copy to be sent to the Town Council for approval.

### Directors Report:

1. Summer inspections have been completed.

2. Food establishments inspections were mostly a success. There was overall improvement in general cleanliness. Some areas need improvement.

- 3. French Square market inspections completed over the summer. Thanks to Jim Little for covering during my vacation.
- 4. School inspections have been completed.
- 5. Beach inspections completed for the 14 week season.

Donovan's Beach 5 closures

Grand view one closure.

Halford 2 closures.

Pico Beach 2 closures.

Yirrell Beach 2 closures.

Possible reasons for Donovan's Beach closures are the location of storm drains and the renovation work on the bridge into Winthrop from East Boston.

- 6. Mosquito control. One town wide spray and three targeted sprays were completed during the summer. Working with the school department to ensure safety during outdoor sports and activities preemptive spray is scheduled for Friday Sept. 28 football game. Throughout Massachusetts 19 human cases of West Nile Virus and 7 cases of EEE and one death from WNV have been recorded. Thank you to the Northeast Mosquito control for their work in spraying this summer.
- 7. Janelle Babcock and Priscilla Davies interned and volunteered at the Health Department office through the summer. Many thanks for their help.
- 8. The annual report for the BOH has been compiled and submitted.
- 9. Attended meeting for plans for the former Winthrop Hospital.
- 10. Attended trainings Legal Nuts and Bolts of Isolation and Quarantine, and a Lead Refresher course. Both trainings held at Tewksbury Hospital.
- 11. I will be attending the annual MHOA conference Weds. Oct . 24 through Friday October 26, 2012

12. Mr. LoConte and Mr. Moore will be attending the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards conference in November.

Public Health Nurse Report:

Ro reports Flu vaccine has arrived. At present there are 360 adult and 50 child doses available. She stated more can be ordered. Flu clinics have been scheduled:

October 3, 2012 from 4PM until 6:30 PM at the Senior Center

October 10, 2012 from 4 PM until 6:30 PM at the Cummings School

Notices have been published in Transcript and on WCAT.

Ro reports that she will vaccinate town employees, some home visits for home bound patients.

Pneumonia shots will be available.

Medical Reserve Corps. Report: Jeanne reports of recruiting efforts over the summer attending the French Square Market and the Resource Fair.

Jeanne and Ro attended Delville Institute training Shelter Operations and Functional Needs Support Services. She stressed Winthrop MRC shelters will not be medical shelters, depending on needs patients will be transported to hospitals.

Jeanne reports UASI (Urban Areas Security Initiative) has provided a trailer stocked with pet supplies, crates, and pet food to be based in Winthrop but can be lent out to other communities if needed.

Jeanne cited need for more recruitment and is working with WCAT and the transcript.

Jeanne reports she will be providing informational sessions in the senior housing on emergency preparedness. One major stressing point she pointed out is that volunteers do not have to be medical persons. Citizens can be useful in all phases of the MRC.

Jeanne reports that the MRC meetings in the immediate future will be stressing shelter training.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM by Nicholas LoConte and seconded by James Little.

Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: October 25, 2012 in the Emergency Operating Center at 6 PM.

NOTE: In case of person with a disability wishing to attend meeting, the meeting can be moved. Please notify Board Office of intent to attend the meeting 617-846-1740.

ALL DOCUMENTS USED AT THIS MEETING ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST AT THE BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICE.