

Winthrop Board of Health

March 28, 2013

Meeting held at the E.B. Newton

Convened at 6:08 PM

Adjourned at 6:55 PM

Attending:

James L. Little, Chairman

Nicholas LoConte, member

Eric Moore, Director of Public Health

Bridget Mulkerrin, member

Jeanne Maggio, Medical Reserve Corps. Coordinator

Ro Sarro, Public Health Nurse

Mark VanBuskirk, Animal Control

Minutes of February 28, 2013 were accepted as read. Motion by Nicholas LoConte and seconded by Bridget Mulkerrin to accept minutes of February 28, 2013.

Motion approved unanimously.

#### DIRECTORS REPORT:

1. Regional North Shore Opiate Summit was held on March 14, 2013 at Kowloon Restaurant Saugus. Cities of Revere, Saugus, Chelsea, Lynn, and the Town of Winthrop gathered to discuss the opiate epidemic affecting the region.
2. Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Winthrop Middle School – Department of Public Health IAQ program presented its report to the Winthrop School Committee at its March 14, 2013 meeting.
3. Meeting with Police Chief, Fire Chief, Building Commissioner, and Code Enforcement Officer on rental ordinance and code enforcement.
4. BU Environmental Exposure Project.
5. Ongoing sanitation inspections.
6. Mini Grant application to DPH for 5000 steps to 5000 miles walk project.
7. MHOA iPad training on creating inspection forms.

ACTION; INFORMATIONAL.

#### MRC REPORT:

Jeanne Maggio presented role and purpose of the Medical Reserve Corps to the 13 residents attending.

ACTION; INFORMATIONAL

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT:

Ro Sarro, RN reports order for fall flu vaccine has been applied for. 360 adult and children received vaccine this past flu season from the Health Department.

Ro reports the Blood Pressure Clinic ongoing.

ACTION: Informational

NEW BUSINESS: Keeping of Animals-Application Review.

Application received in the Board Office from Eric Ferguson to permit 8 chickens on his premises at 24 Ocean Avenue. Property was inspected by Mr. Moore and Mark VanBuskirk. It was concluded that the property appeared spacious; however, measurements of the property per town regulations were not met to house 8 chickens.

Several residents in public comment expressed their views of this application toward housing of chickens in a residential area.

Rochelle Adams an abutter stated she had no problem with the application.

Trish Bosco stated she has five chickens on her Winthrop property stating the chicken coop has not been a problem with smells or wild life invading the coop. Ms. Bosco who has been grandfathered in per old regs. Questioned the new size requirements of housing chickens.

William Wall stated concerns about smells from the coop and cited the town regulations for keeping chickens.

John Lucas stated concerns of smells from the coop and the coop placement.

Mark Casasante spoke in favor of the application.

Richard Shea had concerns he was not notified in advance of this issue

ACTION: Motion by Nicholas LoConte based on the Keeping of Animals Ordinance the application does not meet town regulations. Motion to be put on advisement. Seconded by Bridget Mulkerrin.

Motion passed unanimously. Further discussion at April 25, 2013 meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 PM. Motion by Nicholas LoConte and seconded by Bridget Mulkerrin.

Motion approved unanimously.

Next Meeting April 25, 2013 in the Emergency Operating Center at 6:PM.

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

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