Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2012

Members Present:
Tom Kinzer, Co-Chair
Bea Brunkhorst, Co-Chair
Kevin Wormstead
Lea Susan Ojamaa
Mary Seymour

Staff Present:
Heidi Porter, Director
Mary Firestone, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. Dr. Brunkhorst chaired.

Board of Health Budget, FY 2013:
Ms. Porter said that she received the budget guideline from the Financial Committee (FinCom): $526,329. She provided a spreadsheet and explained each line item. The state has not announced whether the influenza vaccine will be provided; if it is not, it must be purchased. While funds from the established Revolving Account are slated to be used to purchase flu vaccine next year, reimbursements have not been at the level they were anticipated to be and the amount of available funds is unknown at this point.

Ms. Seymour moved to accept the FY 2013 budget for $524,719 which is 1.49% over the FY 2012 budget of $517,028. Mr. Wormstead seconded the motion. Vote count: 5-0.

Ms. Porter also presented the Selectmen's Operating Budget on Mosquito Control and Hazardous Waste (Medical Sharps) as well as a Board of Health Contingency Item for Automatic Emergency Defibrillator maintenance. She will meet with Mr. Reed on the issue and then present to FinCom. She has received input on mosquito control needs from David Henley of the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project, the town's mosquito control provider. She asked the Board's support and all agreed.

All town boards have been asked to review their vision/mission/values statements as they are now on the town website. After discussion, the Board made an amendment to the mission statement which will now read:
"We serve all Bedford residents, particularly the under-served, and promote healthy people, healthy families, and a healthy environment through compassionate care, education, and prevention. The Board will create needed regulations, set policy, hold hearings, and consider variances. Your health is our concern."

Ms. Porter and the co-chairs will meet with the FinCom on Thursday, January 19th.

Ms. Ojamaa moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Seymour seconded the motion. Vote count: 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

The next meetings of the Board will take place on February 6 and March 5, 2012.

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