

**Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 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

Also Attending:

Robert S. Mangiaratti, Esq., Town Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. in the Fitch Room (Room 215), Town Center Building. Mr. Kinzer chaired.

Vote to Enter Executive Session:

Mr. Kinzer said that the first piece of business concerns the property at 63 Carlisle Road. Discussion of the matter in open meeting would have a detrimental effect on possible litigation. Ms. Seymour moved that the Board enter into Executive Session: Mr. Wormstead seconded the motion. Each individual must vote Aye in order to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Wormstead: Aye. Ms. Seymour: Aye. Ms. Ojamaa: Aye. Dr. Brunkhorst: Aye. Mr. Kinzer: Aye. The Board entered Executive Session.

NOTE: APPROVED MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH EXECUTIVE SESSION ARE BEING HELD UNTIL PENDING LITIGATION IS RESOLVED.

Vote to Exit Executive Session:

Mr. Wormstead moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Ms. Seymour seconded the motion. Each individual must vote Aye in order to close the Executive session. Mr. Wormstead: Aye. Ms. Seymour: Aye. Ms. Ojamaa: Aye. Dr. Brunkhorst: Aye. Mr. Kinzer: Aye. Executive Session was closed.

At 7:27 P.M., Board members left the building in order to join the Board of Selectmen in Executive Session in the Town Hall.

At 7:50 P.M., Board members returned to the Fitch room in open meeting.

Mr. Kinzer noted that the Board is back in open session. Items on the agenda, unrelated to the pending litigation case, will be discussed.

Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Wormstead moved that the December 5, 2011 meeting minutes be accepted as amended. Ms. Seymour seconded the motion. Vote count: 4-0-1

Discussion of Potential Ban on Sale of Tobacco in Bedford Pharmacies:

Ms. Porter had distributed information on this issue to members via email. She summarized the issue indicating that the current Board of Health Regulation on Youth Access to Tobacco could be amended to include a ban on sale of tobacco in pharmacies, aka health care facilities. Twenty-five towns and cities in Massachusetts have already banned the sale of tobacco products at health care facilities, including pharmacies. D.J. Wilson, an attorney from the Massachusetts Municipal Association which has a grant to assist local health Departments with this issue, will come to the February 6th Board of Health meeting. Ms. Ojamaa said that ban of tobacco products at Bedford pharmacies will send a public health message. Among the issues involved are whether nicotine replacement therapy, intended to help patients stop smoking, would be included in a ban. It was determined that they would not be included as a banned product. Dr. Brunkhorst led a review of the proposed regulations as shown in the provided materials. In some cases the Board proposes to keep the regulations in the current Bedford health code, which are more restrictive. Adoption of the proposed regulations would reduce the number of tobacco sale permits in town from ten to eight. Ms. Porter explained that the two pharmacies in town with tobacco permits, CVS and Stop and Shop, have outlets in other communities where Board of Health regulations banning the sale of tobacco in pharmacies have been approved.

Board of Health Budget, FY 2013:

Ms. Porter still had not received guidelines from the Financial Committee (FinCom). She distributed copies of the current budget proposal, including numbers from recent years. Board representatives will discuss the budget at a meeting of Finance Committee on Thursday, January 19 at 8:15 P.M.

Board of Health Action Items – Old and New Business:

Liaison Assignments: Mr. Wormstead will meet with the Youth and Family Services Committee on Thursday, January 12. Ms. Seymour has still not heard from the Wellness Committee about a meeting schedule.

Mr. Kinzer attended a meeting of the Community Partnership Committee; he said that home and automobile break-ins are increasing. He also attended a meeting of the Financial Planning and Coordinating Committee (FPCC) and said that financial planning is “not going too badly”; the Committee will have more figures soon.

Ms. Porter said that she and Dr. Brunkhorst will attend an upcoming Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) at Joule Technologies. Ms. Porter has been contacted by Life Technologies and due to some personnel changes there, will meet with them before an IBC meeting is scheduled. A Cystic Fibrosis Foundation laboratory will be moving to Bedford and acquiring an rDNA permit.

Dr. Brunkhorst asked Ms. Porter about the proposed stormwater regulations and whether there are any provisions for stormwater control at Fawn Lake. Ms. Porter said that the proposed regulations do not specifically address the runoff there, but do have provisions and runoff control requirements for redevelopment of large parcels of land in town.

Director’s Report:

Ms. Porter said that the consultant involved in planning for a possible new artificial turf field in Bedford came to her office to discuss the proposal and to determine if she had any health concerns. Ms. Porter reported that she is aware of many of the health concerns relative to

artificial turf fields and indicated that she would be available to answer questions or discuss concerns with any resident. Mr. Kinzer spoke about the ongoing concern about the cost; he said that in a few years the town may be in a better position to support the acquisition.

Ms. Porter said that a new application for a CHNA healthy communities grant is 95% ready.

Ms. Porter said that a regional flu vaccination clinic was held at Burlington Mall and there were challenges in having the clinic there. A consultant is evaluating the clinic results and preparing an after-action report.

The pre-demolition process at the former Travelodge site is underway.

Ms. Porter asked David Henley to prepare a budget proposal for application of larvicides and adulticides through the mosquito season.

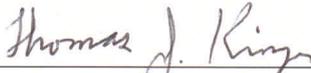
A representative of the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge will speak to the Wayland Board of Health on January 23; representatives of the Bedford Board of Health plan to attend.

Ms. Porter is preparing a contingency budget for maintenance and replacement of Automated Emergency Defibrillators (AEDs).

Mr. Wormstead moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Seymour seconded the motion. Vote count: 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

The next meetings of the Board will take place on January 11, February 6 and March 5, 2012.

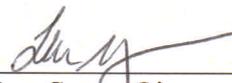
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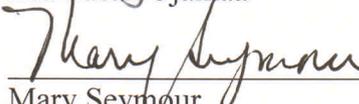
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