

**Board of Health
Minutes – Regular Meeting
October 5, 2015**

Members Present:

Bea Brunkhorst, Co-Chair
Tom Kinzer, Co-Chair
Caroline Donnelly
Sarah Thompson
Anita Raj

Staff Present:

Heidi Porter, Director
Katharine Dagle, Health Agent

Others Present: Craig Naylor, 48 Hartwell Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. Mr. Kinzer chaired.

BOH Meeting Minutes:

Ms. Raj moved to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Health as amended; Ms. Donnelly seconded. Vote: 5-0.

Recording Secretary:

Ms. Porter mentioned that town has had a difficult time finding a Recording Secretary for the Board of Health meetings. She provided the Board members with the pay rate and job description and asked if they knew of anyone who might want the position. Some members indicated they would reach out to some people who they felt might be interested in the position.

Katharine Dagle, Health Agent

Ms. Porter introduced the new Health Agent Katharine Dagle stating she started on September 14th and has hit the ground running. Katharine explained her background in public health and the Board introduced themselves and explained their interest in Public Health and the roles they serve on the Board.

Keeping of Animals Permit Discussion - 54 Hartwell Road

Ms. Porter provided a summary of the Hearing on this application held at the September 14th Board meeting. She explained that the abutter to the west has allergy issues and the abutter to the east was concerned about potential flooding and impact to his irrigation well from manure proposed to be stored at this property.

Mr. Naylor reiterated his concern for flooding and overland flow of feces in the area if the horses are allowed and expressed concern for underground storage of manure and the potential impact to his irrigation well.

The discussion continued and the Board decided to request that the proponent prepare a revised application, moving the barn to the east side of the property, consider installation of a vegetative barrier along the western property line neighbors and also asked the proponent to review alternate manure management options. The proponent was also requested to provide a 15 foot fence setback from the Town Forest land to the south and install a split rail fence in addition to the electric fence along the Town Forest property line.

Board of Health Action Items---Old and New Business:

Mr. Kinzer reported that the Financial Planning and Coordinating Committee will be meeting in 2 weeks.

Ms. Porter reported that at their September 17th meeting, the Finance Committee agreed that the funds supporting the School Nurses (salaries and expenses) should be transferred to the School Department and also provided support for a FY17 School Budget exclusive of the additional funds that would be necessary to support the recently negotiated School Nurse contract (2015-2018).

Ms. Porter reported that at the Youth Task Force meeting it was announced that The Corner youth space was undergoing renovation and a feasibility study was being conducted of the Springs Brook Park property.

Director's Report:

Ms. Porter reported that she was contacted by someone interested in opening up a Hookah Bar in Bedford and what regulations would need to be met. Ms. Porter explained to the Board that a hookah bar would be allowed under the current smoking in the workplace regulations and that potential revision should be considered. Review of the regulations would also allow for consideration of establishing radii around business openings for smoke free areas as well as a potential ban on smoking at all Town Property and in Private Clubs. Ms. Porter suggested that D.J. Wilson appear at the November Board meeting to discuss this topic and potential regulatory changes in more detail.

A flu clinic will be held at Hanscom Air Force Base (date to be determined) for civilian personnel. Insurance reimbursements or checks would be accepted and deposited into the Board of Health Revolving account. This program helps to ensure that more people who recreate, eat and conduct business in Bedford are vaccinated against the seasonal flu.

Ms. Porter reported that she met with Biosafety Consultant Claudia Mickelson to review the operations at Bedford Stem Cell Research. They concluded that a Biosafety Permit was not warranted based on the work currently being conducted.

She met with some town staff and a resident regarding his concerns at Crestview Kennels. The resident was going to show video evidence of an incident requiring intervention but was unable to produce the video.

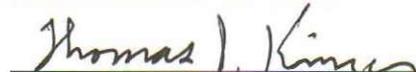
Ms. Porter attended a Biosafety meeting with Corinne Miller at Conagen a new laboratory in town. They conduct Biosafety Level 2 work on plant based cells.

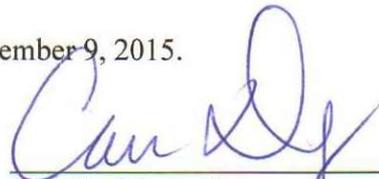
Ms. Raj moved to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Brunkhorst seconded. Vote count: 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

The next meeting of the Board will take place on November 9, 2015.


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