

**Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2013**

Members Present:

Tom Kinzer, Co-Chair
Bea Brunkhorst, Co-Chair
Sarah Thompson
Kevin Wormstead
Anita Raj

Staff Present:

Heidi Porter, Director
Mary Firestone, Recording Secretary

Also Attending:

Sam Lipson, Director of Environmental Health,
City of Cambridge
Amy Lloyd, Planning Board

Action Items:

1. Before the May 6 meeting, which will include a review of proposed regulations on biosafety and regulated biological agents, Ms. Porter will notify the stakeholders and the public.

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 P.M. Mr. Kinzer chaired the meeting.

Minutes:

Mr. Wormstead moved to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2013, Board of Health meeting, as amended. Dr. Brunkhorst seconded the motion. Vote count: 4-0-1

BOH Reorganization:

Mr. Wormstead moved that Mr. Kinzer and Dr. Brunkhorst remain as co-chairs. Mr. Raj seconded the motion. Vote count: 5-0.

Nomination of Inspectors of Animals:

Ms. Porter explained the process of nomination of inspectors of animals, submission of the nominations to the Division of Animal Health, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural resources for review, and appointment. Ms. Raj said: "I make a motion that in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 129, Section 15, the Bedford Board of Health nominate the following three Town Employees as Inspectors for Animals for the year ending April 30, 2014: (1) Mike Leskowski, Inspector of Animals, Bedford Police; (2) Joseph Knott, Health Agent, Bedford Board of Health; and (3) Heidi Porter, Director of Public Health, Bedford Board of Health." Dr. Brunkhorst seconded the motion. Vote count: 5-0.

Discussion of School Nurse Transition from BOH to Schools:

Due to the recent election, the January 7, 2013 BOH letter to the Bedford School Committee will be re-addressed to the new chair of the School Committee. A meeting between the BOH and the School Committee should be held within the next 3 months.

Continued Discussion of Revised rDNA Regulation:

A re-draft of the regulations was provided to all in attendance. Mr. Lipson explained his suggested revisions, including clarification of definitions and experience of other municipalities. Possible changes were discussed at length by Board members, Ms. Porter, Mr. Lipson, and Ms. Lloyd. Before the May 6 Board meeting, Ms. Porter will notify the stakeholders and the public.

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

Updates on Liaison Assignments:

Mr. Kinzer said that he has not attended any meetings since the March BOH meeting, but wanted to mention the upcoming May 23rd meeting "Health Bedford by Design: How we can improve health, environment and local economy". The meeting will be led by Mark Fenton who is a public health, planning and transportation consultant. The event is funded by the Community Transformation Grant which is in its second year.

Mr. Wormstead reported on subjects covered at the March 14 meeting of the Youth and Family Services Committee, including the planned April 10 meeting on host liability and the April 24 meeting on parenting anxious children. He said that the number of families-in-transition housed at the Bedford Plaza has been reduced to forty due to changes by the state. He reported that the chief of police said (1) the gun buy-back program has resulted in six exchanges so far, (2) that in 20 years there have been only 2 gun incidents in the town, and (3) that there are currently 627 active gun licenses in Bedford.

Director's Report:

Ms. Porter said that the Middlesex Tick Task Force has prepared outreach materials, the first of which has already appeared in the newspaper.

The U.S. health officials are monitoring the development of an avian flu problem in China.

Ms. Porter has been appointed by Governor Deval Patrick to sit on his Prevention and Wellness Advisory Board.

A grant was received from the Region 4A Emergency Preparedness Coalition for equipment and shelving for shelter and Medical Reserve corps supplies.

Ms. Porter attended the First Parish program on gun violence prevention.

Mr. Porter reported that recent hoarding cases have shown improvement.

A video on hazardous waste will be shown on Bedford Cable Access Television (BCAT).


Ms. Porter attended the annual Mosquito Control Commission meeting. She said that a lower population of the most troublesome species, and thus a lower threat of Eastern Equine Encephalitis, has been predicted.

Treatment of the Springs Brook Park with a flocculant for greater visibility has been proposed; risk of the flocculant to human health is under study.


Ms. Porter and Joe Knott prepared and disseminated a written Food Protection Policy for the Community Dinner Program. The policy includes a requirement that food must have been cooked in a licensed kitchen; it cannot be cooked at home and transported to the dinner site.

The next meetings of the Board will take place on May 6 and June 3, 2013.


Ms. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Raj seconded the motion. Vote count: 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 P.M.


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