

Board of Health Meeting  
November 17, 2011

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

In Attendance: Marcia Rising, Chairman  
Betty Cormier, member  
Cyndie Colosi, Administrative Assistant  
Absent: Sylvia Daley

Bills and Permits were signed by Chairman Rising.

6:00 PM William Young/Styrofoam Recycling/Cancelled

**Planning Board Memo on Groundwater Testing at the Golf Courses**

Jack updated the Board and Kathleen Willis on the Golf Course water monitoring. The results have been received from Butternut G.C. Jack has spoken with the Turf managers at all three golf courses. Wedgewood, Butternut and Stow Acres.

They are using very little product on the list. They are looking for alternatives even though they are not in Zone 2. Marcia asked if DEP banned the products if they are not in Zone 2. Jack said no. Kathleen's concern is that if it is a banned product by DEP, if the whole community is on wells then should DEP ban the products? Jack would like to write a letter that we have discussed this and looked at it , but at this time don't want to regulate it. He would like to collaborate with Planning Board on a letter that all could agree on.

Kathleen Willis would like to have a meeting with both Boards if the Board of Health is not willing to adopt a regulation or Bylaw before a letter goes out.

Jack would like to draft a letter and have the Planning Board review it, then schedule a meeting if needed.

Marcia does not want to see the Board enact a regulation. She feels that the Golf Courses are not in Zone 2. They are looking for alternatives. She would like to write the letter and say the Board is thinking of a regulation but would like their input.

Kathleen suggested that the Board of Health come to the next planning board meeting.

Marcia and Jack will draft a letter prior to the meeting.

## **Shelter Review**

The Hale School was opened for showering for residents that lost power after the October snowstorm. Marcia said the shelter had 13-14 people the first day and 5 the second day. She felt it was a very good decision to open the school. People were grateful to be able to shower after three days without power. Jack said that a full shelter was available at Atlantic Union College for anyone from any town. MRC volunteers donated their time to supervise the operation. Jack reviewed what he felt could be improvements with the warming center and neighborhood watches that will be discussed at the next MRC meeting. Betty asked if more preparation for a site could be planned in advance.

## **Flu Clinic**

The flu clinic was held at Hale School on November 5, 2011. Was a great success even though the drive-thru had to be moved to the Hale parking lot, as the Fire Station was unavailable due to the tower repairs. There were 293 people inoculated. All of the vaccine purchased by the Board of Health was used and some of the provided State vaccine.

## **67 Elm Ridge**

Jack spoke with the homeowner and he is in the process of moving the fence from SCT land to his property. A new sketch plan for his stable license will be submitted. When that is received the Board will renew the stable license.

## **Juniper Hill Water Supply**

John Willoughby and Bob Walrath residents of Juniper Hill neighborhood in attendance. Jack said the Beaver dams have impacted the public water supply. Jack has spoken to Marielle Stone at DEP and they are on board with protecting the water supply. Jack feels that they have everything they need to proceed with trapping the Beavers. John Willoughby was there this afternoon and observed Beaver activity. Jack has spoken to the Highway Dept. about assistance in the trapping. The residents have agreed to hire trappers. Marcia spoke to Pat Huckery at Mass. Fisheries and Wildlife. There is resident information on their website. Living with wildlife and managing beaver information is available. Don Rising has given written permission allowing access through his property for trapping. There is extensive flooding in that area. Bob Walrath gave an account of the flooding in the area and how rain impacts the dam building. He said water backs up very quickly after a rain event and the beavers start building. Bob Walrath said unless you stop the breeding pairs it won't stop the building. It really needs action at the main dam. Marcia stated this is a public health issue. Jack asked if the Board of Directors for the Juniper Water Supply communicate with each other. Bob

Walrath said that eradication is the only answer to this problem. Jack stated he and the Board will continue to work together with the residents to solve this problem.

### **Correspondence**

Marcia read the letter from Barbara Bissonnette regarding the barking dog regulations she sent to the Board from the city of Los Angeles. Marcia feels that is a very different environment than the Town of Stow and the two should not be compared in barking dog situations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM  
Next Board of Health meeting

December 15, 2011 at 5:00 PM

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