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Board of Health**
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June 10, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Barrell, Alan Harris, Celia Hartigan, Lisa Henderson and Beverly Salate
Also present: Karen Clark, Michael Borowiec, Patrick Crowley, Carl Friend and Diana Engelbart

Chairman Barrell convened the meeting at 7:00 a.m.

Nuisance at 68 Bowen Street, Fly Infestation from a Chicken Coop Mr. Crowley stated he lives at 64 Bowen Street. Last year there was a fly infestation inside and outside of his home. Following an inspection of the chicken coop at 68 Bowen Street by Kerry Clark and Barbara Mard in the summer of 2014, it was determined the fly problem was caused by the chicken coop as the same flies were present there. The 68 Bowen Street property is owned by Diana Engelbart.

Mr. Crowley explained the fly problem is beginning again and wants to stop it before it becomes a problem. He explained he sent an email message to Ms. Engelbart asking her to clean the coop.

Ms. Engelbart said she has seven chickens. When she put the coop up she asked the Building Inspector how far it had to be from her neighbor's property and he said ten feet. Mr. Crowley concurred the coop is ten feet from the fence.

Ms. Engelbart shared her cleaning routine for the coop. She cleans it once a month in the summer and less in the winter.

Mrs. Hartigan commented she thought once a month cleaning isn't very often. Ms. Engelbart explained the process of cleaning the coop area and that the job is currently half completed. The chicken manure is composed on the other side of her property.

Animal Control Officer Charles Witkus gave an account of the inspection he did at the property. He commented "the property is neglected and the yard is a mess". He explained the setup of the coop is beautiful and run very well. The chicken yard has a wire fence. The wheelbarrow inside the fenced area is full of manure. Mr. Witkus said things are done in a sloppy way, the coop and area around it needs to be cleaned. Mr. Witkus said there were no flies when he was there. If Ms. Engelbart cleaned and moved the coop to the other side of the side of the house the problem would go away. There is an empty lot on the other side of the house. He also said he thinks the coop should be cleaned every 3 or 4 days.

Karyn Clark and Michael Borowiec went to 68 Bowen Street and did not observe any violations. They did say it is just a snapshot in time.

Chairman Barrell said he agreed with moving the coop to the other side of the property where the vacant lot is and cleaning it more often.

Ms. Engelbart would like follow up done at Mr. Crowley's house. Mr. Crowley commented that he has lived in his home at 64 Bowen Street for eleven years. He said there were never any issues until the addition of the chickens. He commented in a conversation with the Menendez family at 61 Bowen Street, they said they experienced the same fly issues last summer. The coop needs to be kept clean.

Ms. Engelbart agrees to clean and move the coop. Mrs. Henderson asked where the manure will be kept when the coop is moved to which Ms. Engelbart responded closer to the golf course.

Mr. Crowley commented all he is asking is for the coop to be cleaned and kept clean. Ms. Engelbart said she will need to clean the area once the coop is moved. Mr. Witkus said cleaning the coop is only part of the issue. Once the coop is moved, if the flies come the chicken coop will have to go. Ms. Engelbart expressed displeasure at that comment. Mr. Crowley said if Ms. Engelbart keeps the coop clean and she has no flies he will concede and apologize to her profusely.

Chairman Barrell said he would like all the work discussed at this meeting to be done and Mr. Witkus to re-inspect June 17, 2015. Ms. Engelbart proposed cleaning first, see how that goes and look into what it will take to move the coop. Mr. Witkus agreed to re-inspect June 17.

Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) Discussion Chairman Barrell stated the Board wanted the IMA to be for one year not three. He realizes there is a thirty day notice to withdraw clause but still wants the IMA to be for one year. Mrs. Clark said she would have the changes made and get it back to the Board. Mrs. Clark commented the City of Worcester lawyers will be contacted to make the change. Motion by Mrs. Hartigan and second of Dr. Harris and voted all in favor to continue with the Central Mass Regional Public Health Alliance for one year beginning July 1, 2015 ending June 30, 2016 with an increase of 2.5%.

Alliance Update Mrs. Karyn Clark gave the Board an update on the Alliance as follows:

- Mrs. Clark has been named the Deputy Director.
- The City of Worcester is re-instituting a Health and Human Services Commissioner.
- The City will wait until the Commissioner is hired before interviewing for a Director so that person can be involved in the hiring process.
- A new Chief of Environmental Health has been hired. He will be on Board at the end of June.
- A Community Health Assessment Survey has been sent to all six alliance communities.
- Accreditation will take place in the fall of 2015. The site visit is scheduled for September 30 and October 1, 2015.

Mrs. Hartigan asked for a document showing the organization chart/chain of command for the Alliance. Chairman Barrell asked if the governance quarterly meetings will happen as stated in the IMA Attachment B, section 2. Representatives, 2.2 The IMA representatives will meet regularly and no less frequently than

quarterly. Meetings may also be called from time to time as the need may arise. To the extent practicable, each IMA municipality will take turns hosting meetings. Mrs. Clark responded the meetings will happen.

Farmers Market The farmers market is scheduled to begin Sunday June 14, 2015 from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm Sunday at Pinecroft Dairy. There are permits in the agenda package that were signed by Board members.

Septic System Design Drawings

Following review and upon motion of Dr. Harris and second of Mrs. Henderson it was voted all in favor to approve Septic design drawings as follows:

- 100 Prescott Street prepared by Mark Popham numbered 515-1WB dated May 7, 2015.
- 96 Hosmer Street prepared by Hub Survey numbered W140811A dated May 31, 2015.

Bills were paid

Meeting Minutes After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2015 Board of Health meeting.

Building Inspector Correspondence Re: 29 Prospect Street The Board acknowledged a letter from Building Inspector Chris Lund regarding the results of an investigation for water damage from the past winter. Some of the key points of the letter are as follows:

- The gas was shut off to the building in March of 2015.
- Water, sewer, electricity and real estate taxes are in arrears.
- The property is in Bankruptcy court.
- Potential of compromised X-ray equipment.

This property is a veterinary clinic with animals living at the property. Building Inspector Lund is requesting the Board of Health to investigate the conditions of this facility for comment on whether it is fit for man or beast.


With no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Mrs. Salate and second of Mrs. Henderson it was voted all in favor to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

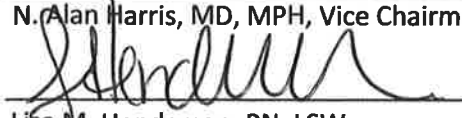
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