



**Town of West Boylston
Board of Health**

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June 24, 2015 Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Barrell, Alan Harris, Celia Hartigan, Lisa Henderson and Beverly Salate
Also present: Kathy Johnson and Michael Borowiec

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

Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) Discussion Ms. Kathy Johnson, Assistant City Manager, City of Worcester and the Board introduced themselves.

Ms. Johnson was asked to attend the meeting to discuss the status of the IMA. The Board is concerned with the proposed agreement including a 55% increase in the cost to the Town from the previous agreement. Ms. Johnson spoke about Regional meetings that have taken place where all the Alliance Towns were brought up to speed on financial information including that grants would phase out soon. They came up with a model to price the Alliance. All the other Towns have agreed and signed the IMA for 2016 through 2018 with increases to their costs.

Ms. Johnson is here to answer the Board's questions. The City is willing to discuss options in pricing that would decrease services. She explained the pricing includes the town's share of overhead. She suggested a month or two extension of the current contract.

Chairman Barrell asked if there is a menu of services the Board could choose from. Ms. Johnson said she would provide information to assist the Board in making a decision by their next Board meeting July 8, 2015.

Mrs. Hartigan commented the Board was informed prior to joining the Alliance that any community who joined after the initial forming of the Alliance would be charged a fee. Grafton didn't pay a fee to join. She also commented that the Board agreed to join the Alliance because with having the smallest population, West Boylston would be able to take advantage of available services through the City. She also commented that although the inspections were getting appropriately done, there didn't seem to be any additional benefit noticed from being a member of the Alliance.

Mrs. Salate asked if the turnover of employees had anything to do with the grants ending and why additional grants weren't applied for.

After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Henderson and second of Mrs. Salate it was voted all in favor to extend the current IMA with the City of Worcester for two months ending August 31, 2015.


Ms. Johnson and Mr. Borowiec left the meeting following the vote.

Mrs. Mard put an informational package together for the Board to review. The package included the following:

- Intermunicipal Agreement Cost vs. Returning to Independent Board.
- VNA estimated cost to return to contracting with them.
- 2015 fee schedule from Finlay Engineering
- Town of West Boylston Personnel Bylaw for 2015

After discussion and upon motion of Mrs. Hartigan and second of Dr. Harris it was voted all in favor to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Barbara A. Mard



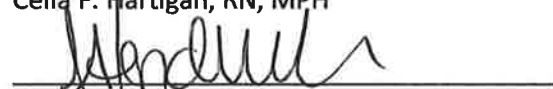
Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman



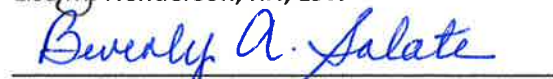
N. Alan Harris, MD, MPH



Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH



Lisa M. Henderson, RN, LSW



Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN