



THE BOARD OF HEALTH

OCTOBER 12, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

Members present: Robert Barrell, Beverly Salate, N. Alan Harris, Lisa Henderson, Celia Hartigan

Also present: Anita Scheipers (Town Administrator for Town of West Boylston), Mike Mendez (Regional Public Health Specialist), Bryan Diehl (Community Health Specialist), Dr. Lester Hartman (Tobacco 21 Campaign), Daniel and Pam Frechette (181 Worcester Street), Richard and Anne Richwall (18 Townsend Drive), Tom Cosgrove (36 Temple Street), Charles Suffin (47 Pine Arden Drive), George Bilotta (173 Malden Street), Sean Hackett (11 Hosmer Street), Dave Femia (86 Sterling Street), Catherine Kershaw (33 Pine Arden Drive), Michael McGrenra (173 Malden Street), Loree Burns (164 Malden Street), Steve Anderson (217 Malden Street), Mary Ellen Davis (85 Pine Arden Drive).

Chairman Barrell convened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Sewer Connection: Anita Scheipers (Town Administrator for Town of West Boylston) was inquiring about properties that did not comply with the mandatory sewer connection (adopted September 25, 2002). Questioned the deferment on certain properties, if it is a permanent deferment or would the property still be required to connect to sewer. Also, was it a financial reason behind not connecting? Six properties were granted permanent deferments, which lie with the property not the owner. The remaining properties are still required to connect. Some properties did attempt to connect to the sewer, but were unable to do so, without the assistance of a grinder pump. 34 Carol Drive has a partial connection, while the other half of the property needs a grinder pump to connect to sewer. The Board of Health will look further into which of the remaining properties need to connect, and what is needed of them to do so.

T21 Bill/Dr. Lester Hartman: Dr. Lester Hartman is a pediatrician at the Westford-Mansfield Pediatric office since 1986. In addition, Dr. Hartman is presently a Mass General Hospital researcher collaborating with a Harvard Medical School professor (Dr. Jonathan Winickoff) on youth and tobacco as well as advocacy work to raise the tobacco purchase age to 21 years. They co-wrote a resolution on the age increase which is now endorsed by the 55,000 pediatricians of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Hartman stated that 138 towns have already gone to 21, and 176 towns are needed to get the T21 bill to pass, making it 38 towns short. Dr. Hartman visited a local West Boylston convenience store, to show an example of products sold and purchased three (3) tobacco products spending less than \$20 dollars total. This purchase included a vape (Blu cherry dispense), flavored natural leaf cigars, and winter green tobacco pouches (form of chewing tobacco). He stated that there is only a 2% reduction of tobacco sales when changing purchase age to 21. A public hearing will be held for the consideration of the T21

bill for the Town of West Boylston on November 8, 2016. The board is reviewing definitions of Tobacco products in current regulations, and will be finalizing prior to hearing date.

CMRPHA Updates: Within the past month there was 22 food inspections and the Farmers Market conducted. As well as 3 nuisance complaints, and the Holy Cross retreat center has officially opened. The Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) will be holding its annual training for BOH members on 11/5 at the Taunton Holiday Inn, and on 11/12 at the Marlborough Holiday Inn.

Opioid Event: A youth substance use prevention forum being held on October 19th from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Wachusett County Club (187 Prospect Street West Boylston, MA 01583). This event is co-sponsored by the West Boylston Police Department, the West Boylston Board of Health and the Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance.

Flu Clinic: The flu clinic was held by the VNA Care Network, organized by board member Beverly Salate, RN, BSN, on October 4th from 2-4 p.m. 102 flu shots were administered to teachers, fire, police and 25 senior citizens.


Pay Bills: Bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

Noise Complaint (241 Laurel Street: George Bilotta (173 Malden Street) registered a complaint with the Board of Health. The complaint concerns 241 Laurel Street back yard shooting area. Mr. Bilotta was seeking help/relief from the "outbreak of noise which affects the lives of the surrounding families/neighbors for the past few years". He added that they do not have a choice but to listen to the gun shooting, and relief is found by playing music loudly or physically leaving their properties. The Board of Health explained we need to investigate with Worcester Department of Public Health, DEP and West Boylston legal department to see how we can approach this noise complaint.

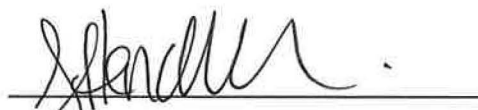
With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn by Mrs. Salate, seconded by Dr. Harris. It was voted all in favor to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.


Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

N. Alan Harris, MD, Vice Chairman


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