

Town of Concord
Board of Health

Minutes from the Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2010

PRESENT: David J. Burgess, Chairman
Ann M. Snow
Deborah R. Farnsworth
Dr. Susannah Bedell

Brent L. Reagor, Public Health Director
Karen M. Byrne, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS: Judith Quanrud, 36 Rollingwood Lane (FinCom); Dr. Alan
Woodward, 379 Garfield Road

1. Town Meeting Discussion

The Public Health Director advised the Board that the Board of Health Warrant Articles, ("The Sale of Tobacco to Minors Bylaw" and "Smoke Free Workplace Local Bylaw" (formerly known as "Smoking in Food Establishments Local Bylaw) will be moved to the consent calendar at the start of Town Meeting. Although no one anticipated any opposition to the changes, the Board must be prepared to formally present the articles regardless. He noted that if 2 voters object to the movement onto the consent calendar, it is taken off and put back in order.

2. Chairman's Report & Other Board Members

Update of New Board Members and Expiring Terms

David Burgess, Chairman updated the Board that the Selectmen's Office had received a "green card" from Jack Bergman, a resident who was interested as a possible Board of Health member. Mr. Bergman has a background in Biomedical Research and is an Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School. He is currently employed as the Director of the Preclinical Pharmacology Program at McLean Hospital. The Town Manager will be contacting him to discuss his interest and possible appointment.

At this point, Dr. Alan Woodward introduced himself to the Board of Health members and expressed his interest in possibly serving as well. Dr. Woodward is a long time Concord resident who was the former head of the Emergency Department of Emerson Hospital, as well as the past-President of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Both Dr. Bedell and Deborah Farnsworth's official terms will end on 5/31/10; both have agreed to remain on the Board until replacements are found.

3. Report from Public Health Director

Mosquito Control

Mr. Reagor provided the Board with an update on the plans of the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Commission to address mosquito control for the upcoming spring/summer season (the Town of Concord contracts with the EMMCC).¹

An obvious concern this year is the (2) major rain events in March that caused significant flooding and would likely affect the mosquito population this spring/summer. In his email, David Henely, Superintendent, EMMCC stated that the record rains have had both positive and negative impacts, but that the good news was that the extreme flooding at the start of the mosquito development did not immediately translate into higher mosquito populations; but that the warmer than normal temperatures during March and April created a scenario that the larval development may be progressing up to two weeks earlier than normal. Therefore, this will be the earliest "emergence of spring brood mosquitoes."

Mr. Reagor said that although Concord does not participate in the helicopter application of Bti, he wanted the Board to be aware that it would occur in other communities as early as April 15th, but does participate in the catchbasin larvicide program and this may occur earlier than normal as well.

Chang An

Mr. Reagor submitted a copy of the most recent inspection report from Samuel Wong, MD Consultant services for the Board to review. He was very pleased to say that the changes in both facility and staff attitude were apparent and Mr. Wong felt confident with consistent training and reinforcement this facility was heading in the right direction.

Carlisle Contract

The Public Health Director informed the Board that the Town of Carlisle's Board of Health, at a public meeting on March 30 2010, "...voted to terminate its contract with the Town of Concord for Public Health Inspection and Engineering Services..."

He advised the Board that the Town of Concord has opted not to respond to Carlisle's advertisement for consultant services and that the contract would officially terminate on June 30, 2010.

¹ Memorandum on mosquito control activities

4. Minutes and Board Calendar

The Board reviewed the minutes from Tuesday, March 23, 2010. David Burgess moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Deborah Farnsworth seconded it. All VOTED in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 18, 2010, 141 Keyes Road (1st Floor) at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by,

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Concord Board of Health

David J. Burgess, Chairman

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