

Town of Concord
Board of Health

Minutes of the Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

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

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

OTHERS: Judith Quanrud, 36 Rollingwood Lane (FinCom)

1. MINUTES & BOARD CALENDAR

The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes from the meeting of June 16, 2009. David Burgess moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Deborah Farnsworth seconded it. All VOTED in favor.

The Board discussed changing the September meeting date because of a conflict in Deborah Farnsworth's schedule. Following a brief discussion, it was decided to meet on September 15th as scheduled unless the Board is unable to obtain a quorum and then the meeting will be cancelled or changed.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & REPORTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Farnsworth attended the June 17th Selectmen's Chair Breakfast; she had nothing to report.

There were no other reports.

3. REPORT FROM PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR¹

The Public Health Director (PHD) presented the Board with his monthly update outlining the Health Department's activities since the last meeting.

¹ Public Health Director's Report - attached

National Environmental Health Association Annual Conference

Mr. Reagor attended the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Annual Conference in Atlanta Georgia the week of June 26th. He moderated a discussion and represented local environmental health officials on panel discussion of the role of wastewater technology product certification in the development of regulatory and management schemes for wastewater programs. He also attended presentations from the CDC on the latest guidance related to the novel H1N1 influenza outbreak and had a tour of the CDC Emergency Operations Center.

The PHD said this was a terrific chance for networking and idea sharing between health regulators, the private sector, and Federal agency staff from across the United States; he felt this opportunity would serve Concord well in incorporating some of these ideas into Town programs.

Rabies Control

Over the past couple of weeks, the Health Division staff coordinated the transportation of several bats for rabies testing to lab at the State Department of Public Health. Because the bats were found in bedrooms while people were sleeping, it is protocol to have the rodents tested. None of the specimens tested positive for the disease.

Crisis Intervention

During the past few months, there were several situations that arose relating to residents who were living in unhealthy, unsanitary conditions and were unable to care for themselves without some outside intervention. Following these occurrences, the Public Health Director in conjunction with the Fire Department, Council on Aging, Veteran's services, and Emerson Hospital coordinated a meeting to discuss the resources available for such situations. The goal of all parties is to integrate the efforts of all parties for a smoother transition when assisting the at-risk resident.

Influenza

The Public Health Director advised the Board that would be coordinating a meeting between the public and private schools to discuss the upcoming flu season, as well as H1N1 and how that may affect them. He explained that the goal is the coordination of efforts and sharing information so that students, parents, and residents do not panic and understand information that is being disseminated.

The Annual Senior Flu Clinic (for Concord residents over the age of 60) had been scheduled for October 2, 2009 and will be held at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center. He was also very pleased to announce that the first annual Town Employee Flu Clinic would be held in October as well.

4. BOARD DISCUSSION – Revisions to Local Well Regulation

Mr. Reagor provided the Board with a draft copy of the revised “*Minimum Sanitation Standards for Private and Semi-Public Water Supplies*” that he prepared for the Board’s review. He noted that 60% of the document came from the Department of Environmental Protection’s guidance document relating to private and semi-public water supplies.

Following a brief discussion, Deborah Farnsworth moved that the Board accept the draft regulations and schedule a public hearing on the document for October 20, 2009. David Burgess seconded it. All VOTED in favor.

Board members directed the Public Health Director to provide copies of the proposed draft to well drillers, geologists, and other interested parties and open a public comment period prior to the October meeting. Mr. Reagor noted that was his plan and that it would also be published in the Concord Journal prior to the hearing.

5. SEPTIC BETTERMENT LOAN PROGRAM

Preliminary Approvals for Betterment Liens

There were none this month.

Final Betterment Lien Assessments

The onsite sewage disposal system for the following property has been completed and all invoices have been processed by the Health Division:

- 33 West Circle(\$20,000) – Galland/Igelheart

David Burgess moved that the Board issue the Order to Assess the Betterment for the above listed property. Such order shall be forwarded to the Town Collector. Deborah Farnsworth seconded it. All VOTED in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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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