

Town of Concord  
Board of Health

Minutes from the Meeting  
Tuesday, December 21, 2010

PRESENT: Dr. Alan Woodward, Chairman  
Kerry Diskin  
Jack Bergman  
Ellen J. Hutt  
JoAnn DiNardo

Stanley J. Sosnicki, Acting Public Health Director  
Gabrielle P. White, Public Health Inspector

OTHERS: Russ Wilson

1. **Board of Health Discussion**

Dr. Woodward introduced the Board's newest member JoAnne DiNardo. JoAnn gave the board a brief overview of her 57 years of nursing experience which ranged from medical surge to maternity to emergency care. She has spent the last 38 years with Emerson Hospital and currently manages the Rehab Unit.

2. **Septic System Variance Request 162 Hawthorne Lane**

The Board heard a request for variances from Russ Wilson, PLS for his client Patricia Moser, for local upgrade approvals and a variance from Local regulations: Mr. Wilson petitioned the Board to grant one local variance and three LUA's in accordance with 310 CMR 15.402 through 405.

Local Upgrade Approvals

- To construct a leaching field 8' from a property line instead of 10' as required by code.
- To construct a leaching field 7 from a foundation wall instead of 20' as required by code.
- To install a septic tank and pump chamber 6' from a property line instead of 10' as required by code.

CBHR Variance

- To locate the soil absorption system 52' from the bordering wetlands instead of 75' required by local regulation

The Board requested an overview of what was in their purview to give a variance to Title 5. Stan explained the different types of variances the Board is allowed by Title 5 under maximum feasible compliance. Stan explained that the house is for sale and failed inspection. The existing cesspool is @25' from the wetland and sits in ground water. Due to site constraints variances are necessary in order to replace the system within the parameters of Title 5.

Kerry Diskin expressed concern with mounding and runoff into the drainage canals found on Hawthorne lane. Stan explained that the new system will be 4ft above ground water and 2 foot above grade but will be able blend with the existing landscape. Russ Wilson added that a retaining wall will be installed on the property line to mitigate runoff on the neighboring property. Dr. Woodward inquired if sewer expansion had been considered for Hawthorne Lane.

Jack Bergman moved to grant the 4 variances as requested  
Kerry Diskin Seconded  
All Approved

3. **Food Service Establishment – Update Middlesex School**

Public Health Inspector, Gabrielle White, provided the Board with the first 2 inspection reports from Middlesex School's food safety consultant Lisa Berger. The November inspection scored 90% and the December inspection a 95%. On November 22, 2010 Middlesex informed the Health Department that it has terminated its' contract with Aramark. Following Winter break the school would have a new food service operator, Flik Dining Services. Flik will continue to employ the bulk of the present staff with the exception of the management. Berger Food Consulting will continue to conduct un-announced inspections for the remainder of the 6 months and all reports will be submitted to the board for review as originally outlined.

4. **Minutes and Calendar**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting. Jack Bergman moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Kerry Diskin seconded it. All VOTED in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health will be January 18, 2010.

5. **Chairman Report**

Dr. Woodward provided Board members with information packet entitled, "Required Duties of Local Boards of Health in Massachusetts.

**Starmet Update**

Kerry updated the board about the hand-out provided Pam Rockwell. Regarding the clean-up and timelines associated with such. The 2229 committee is awaiting final report on Human Health Risk Study.

**Staff Reports**

**Public Health Director**

**Region 4a**

Stan submitted an authorization form for the Board to sign that designates Stanley Sosnicki and Gabrielle White as the primary persons to represent the Town of Concord relative to Region 4a activities.

Stan informed the Board that the State now has software available online to manage MRC volunteers. "MA Responds" is a secure web-based application used to register, credential and manage mission and personnel resources. The Board appeared interested and directed Stan to contact MAPC for more details.

#### Office Matters

Stan informed the Board that are several projects that Staff need to address over the winter months. The departments permitting database software does not work properly and deficiencies need to be documented and addressed with the contractor Coler and Colantonio. Stan also indicated the need for a centralized master document system so all electronic files are up to date and available to all staff.

The Annual report has been drafted and a copy provided to members for comment. Dr Woodward requested the document be sent by email.

#### Community Health Programs

The Board expressed an interest in public health programs that connect with the community. Stan Sosnicki proposed initiating a monthly public health column for covering public health topics. The board encouraged staff to approach the Concord Journal to feel out frequency and content guidelines as well as whether the articles should come from staff or board members.

Stan also informed the Board that the Town of Acton is interested in creating a Regional Public Health Nursing Services program. Acton Public Health Director, Doug Halley will meet with Stan Sosnicki and Marcia Rassmussen on Jan 8, 2011 to discuss the proposal.

Gabrielle White introduced the Healthy Communities grant availability for local initiatives. She mentioned that while Concord missed the fall 2010 application deadline she encouraged the board to apply for fall of 2011. The requirements are such that a working group must already be in place in order to meet the eligibility requirements for submission. She will forward the board information on the grant as well as links to both Acton and Lincoln who are current participants in the program.

### 7. Additional Discussion Items

#### Coordination Meeting for Town Meeting

Ellen Hutt attended this years Town Coordination Meeting Stan Sosnicki Acting Director on Saturday, December 4, 2010. Stan gave a brief synopsis to board members regarding the changes to Ms. Hills proposed draft warrant article as it related to the ban of the sale of drinking water in single-serving PET bottles. The changes are to increase bottle size to include all bottles 1liter or less and also broadens the enforcement options to include but not be limited to The Board of Health.

The discussion also included a synopsis of the Concord Can proposal introduced at the Coordination meeting which focuses on education rather than enforcement. The board concurred that this proposal was more in keeping with their collective opinion.

The Board reviewed and approved a letter stating their position in this matter. Dr. Woodward signed the letter and instructed staff to forward it to the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gabrielle P. White, Public Health Inspector

Stanley J. Sosnicki, Acting Public Health Director

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Dr. Alan Woodward, Chairman

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Jack Bergman

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Kerry Diskin

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Ellen Hutt, Esq.