

**MINUTES OF THE TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF HEALTH
April 28, 2005**

The Board convened at 6:30 PM in the Tewksbury police Station. Present were Chairman Phil French, Vice Chairman Thomas Churchill, Clerk Christine Kinnon, Member Ralph McHatton, Director of Public Health Thomas Carbone, and Town Counsel Charles Zaroulis. Member Edward Sheehan and Recording Secretary Dawn Cathcart were not present.

Attorney Zaroulis began the meeting with an education program on the Open Meeting Law, Executive Session, Meeting Minutes, the Conflict of Interest Law, and How to Conduct a Hearing. The training session ended at 7:30 PM.

Marilyn Huse for 600 Kendall Road

Ms. Huse appeared to update the Board on her attempts to clean up her property. All but 2 bedrooms have been cleaned out. She has yet to hire a plumber or contractor yet, and thus has not had the insurance adjuster out yet.

Motion: Mr. French made a motion to continue the matter to the meeting of June 2, 2005. At that time, Ms. Huse shall have an actual date when her plumber and the insurance company would be at the house. The motion was seconded by Mr. Churchill, and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion of Goals and Objectives

Mr. French asked the Board to consider what goals it should set for the coming year. He stated that his personal hope is to set up a good Drug Awareness Program. Mr. McHatton agreed with this need, and suggested seeking out corporate sponsors to purchase the equipment the Police Department needs. He hopes that there could be a fall implementation, and that the program includes addressing harmful inhalants. Discussion led to the fact that there used to be a town-wide substance abuse committee, and that the Board might wish to resurrect that program. Mr. French was going to speak with Officer Bob Westaway, Ms. McKinnon was going to speak with Deacon Bill Emerson, and Mr. McHatton was to speak with Joe Gill (all are former committee members).

Mr. Churchill asked that efforts be made on Childhood Obesity specifically, as well as Obesity in general. Mr. McHatton agreed with that hope.

Mr. McHatton suggested conducting a Health Fair, which Mr. Churchill endorsed.

It was agreed to place this onto the next agenda for further discussion.

BOH Minutes
April 28, 2005
Page 2 of 2

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Update

Mr. Churchill provided an update on the status of the MRC. Training of volunteers continues, and more are needed. Sandy Collins and Nancy Burns recently attended a conference in San Francisco where they received an award for the production of a recruiting video.

Ms. Kinnon suggested that MRC Members could assist with a health fair. Mr. Churchill asked if we could provide a link from the Town website to the MRC Website.

Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2005

The issue was continued to the next meeting as the minutes were not yet available.

There being no further matters before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Christine Kinnon, Clerk