

TEWKSBURY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

June 02, 2005

Chairman Phillip French called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M at the Town Hall Auditorium. Present at the meeting were Thomas Churchill, Christine Kinnon, Ralph McHatton, Health Director Thomas Carbone and Recording Secretary Dawn Cathcart. Edward Sheehan was not present.

Public Hearings

Marilyn Huse for 600 Kendall Road – Appeal of Demolition Orders (Continued)

Marilyn Huse appeared for the continued hearing.

Mr. Carbone stated that at the last meeting the board was looking for Ms. Huse to complete the clean out and get a plumber and insurance adjuster into the house. This week there was a request to turn on the water at the street.

Ms. Huse stated that the plumber was supposed to come today. Ms. Huse stated that Herb is cleaning out the furniture. Ms. Huse stated that the insurance company is denying the claim. Ms. Huse stated that she is meeting with Mr. Scarano on June 9, 2005 to go over her case.

Mr. French asked if the area is cleaned out enough to get the house looked at. Ms. Huse replied that there is only furniture left and a few boxes.

Mr. Carbone suggested that this item be worked through him. Within the next month he will meet with Ms. Huse and conduct an inspection to determine what would need to happen next, or to work things out.

Mr. French stated that there hasn't been any pressure from the neighborhood regarding this house. Mr. French instructed Ms. Huse to get in touch with Mr. Carbone after she meets with Mr. Scarano.

Ms. Kinnon asked when this becomes a non-Board of Health issue. Mr. Carbone replied when it is no longer a public danger. The structural issues may have to be looked from the building department.

MOTION - Mr. French made a motion to continue this matter until further information is obtained, with Ms. Huse contacting Mr. Carbone to set up a walk through of the residence and an update after her meeting with Mr. Scarano. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kinnon and unanimously voted 3-0. Mr. McHatton voting not present

Discussion

Goals and Objectives

Mr. Carbone stated that at its last meeting the board discussed what its goals and objectives should be. There was discussion about resurrecting the Substance Abuse Committee, having a health fair and obesity.

Mr. French stated that he talked with the Police Department and Mr. Patterson about the substance abuse program and they have agreed to work on getting funding for it. The Police Department has left over pamphlets from the DARE program. The Ryan School also had input regarding inhalants. This program could be scheduled in the late summer with the recreation summer program or at the beginning of the next school year. The funding is important. Mr. McHatton asked if there was any expense in getting the pamphlets. Mr. French replied no, the Police have boxes of them. Ms. Kinnon stated that she spoke with Deacon Bill Emerson and said he didn't know how much help the previous committee was. Deacon Bill suggested that if the program was in school, it be mandatory and not a volunteer program. Mr. Churchill stated that this could be part of the health fair. Mr. Carbone replied that the Police have been an active participant in the past. Mr. French stated that if the recreation department helps with the funding, then they should be involved. The funding would be for the drug kits which would be available for the schools, health fair, and recreation center.

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Mr. Carbone stated that a few of the previous Board of Health members were very active in the summer recreation program. This board should look into continuing that participation in August. Mr. Carbone stated that this is a community wide problem and suggested that a subcommittee be formed to work on this. Mr. French stated that all four members present would like to be involved. Mr. Carbone suggested meeting at the library on June 23, 2005 at 7:00 PM for the first meeting. Ms. Kinnon stated that Mr. Patterson is a critical member of this subcommittee.

Mr. McHatton stated that in previous years, the State had grants dealing with childhood obesity. Mr. Carbone stated that he worked with Ms. Basteri in the school department last year on a grant which was used as part of their curriculum. Mr. French asked if this grant had to be applied for every year. Mr. Carbone replied he believes it was a three year grant but added that there is a lot of information out there that can be used. In the past World Gym was very supportive as well as Mr. Patterson. Mr. Carbone added that Ms. Wilkie may want to stay involved also.

Mr. Churchill suggested putting health question and answers on the local cable channel. Mr. Carbone stated that was a good idea and requested that Mr. Churchill come up with the questions and answers.

Mr. McHatton stated that information on West Nile Virus and IEEE should also be put on the local cable channel.

Krochmal Farms Odors

Mr. Carbone stated that the office received a lot of calls in early May regarding the odor at Krochmal Farms. We cannot site them for the smell of a normal working farm but the Animal Inspector is working on trying to address this. Ms. Kinnon asked if inspections were conducted. Mr. Carbone replied yes.

Tobacco Control Program

Mr. Carbone stated that the inspections were conducted last Tuesday at all facilities in Tewksbury. Of 38 facilities only 2 sold tobacco. This is an excellent ratio. Those two stores were contacted and told they were getting a warning. They were both upset over the sales. Mr. McHatton suggested sending a letter to all the facilities that didn't sell tobacco congratulating them.

Directors Report

Mr. Carbone stated that he will be in Seattle for classes on Public Health Crisis Management from August 21st to August 26th.

Mr. Carbone stated that he received a letter from the State regarding Stewart Septic and two persons not licensed to do Title V inspections. There were four inspections conducted by Stewart Septic in 2004 & 2005 but none were done by the two individuals listed.

Board Member Reports

Ms. Kinnon stated that she was very pleased with the Town's website.

Mr. Churchill stated that the MRC meeting is next week.

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Section 2 of the Emergency Operations Plan

Mr. Carbone stated that Section 2 of the EOP deals with All-Incident Report. This section will apply no matter what type of incident. It is broken down into seven tabs.

Tab A deals with Notification. It is a list of point of contact personnel. Mr. McHatton replied there is a typo "Davis Cressman" should be "David Cressman". Mr. Carbone stated that will be fixed.

Tab B deals with Risk Communications. This section was not included because it needs more work and is a large section that should be dealt with separately.

Tab C deals with Shelter Support. The Emergency Management Director would activate shelters. The High School and Senior Center are designated shelters. A Fire Department EMT would be posted at the shelter. The Board of Health would coordinate other medical professionals if needed. They would also be the primary department in disease control. Sanitary inspections are key in this situation. The MRC will help out in a major emergency.

Tab D deals with Mass Fatality Support. The Board of Health would help setup temporary morgues, assist in dealing with bodies and setting up family support. In case of a plane crash, for example, the Medical Examiner (ME) office would be primary. In a long term situation, the Board of Health would be in charge of infection control. The Town Clerk will handle burial permits. Mr. Carbone stated that he will talk with the local funeral directors about bringing them into this plan. The Board of Health will handle water quality issues and waste disposal. Mr. McHatton suggested that the local funeral homes be listed in Tab A.

Tab E deals with Logistics. Mr. Carbone stated that the Strategic national Stockpile (SNS) will be shipped to the Town in case of an emergency. All security will be done by the Police Department.

Tab F deals with Behavioral Health Support. This was not included in the template and they are working on a template.

Table G deals with Animal Matters. This was also not included in the template. This section will deal with setting up an animal shelter near the human shelter.

Mr. Carbone stated that Section 3 will deal with Infectious Diseases. This is almost done. They are working on dispensing sites for mass immunization/inoculation. They will be the Dewing, Ryan and Wynn schools.

Board Member Reports (Continued)

Ms. Kinnon asked that money collected be looked at for Hazardous Waste Day. Perhaps collecting money in one location and issuing tickets would work better in an effort to control the cash. Mr. Carbone stated that that used to be done but there are different vendors for different material, i.e. tires, TV, etc. Mr. Carbone stated that they will look into that.

MOTION - Mr. French made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. McHatton and unanimously voted 4-0.

Approved: _____

Christine Kinnon, Clerk