

TEWKSBURY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

October 6, 2005

Chairman Phillip French called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the Town Hall Auditorium. Present at the meeting were Christine Kinnon, Ralph McHatton, Thomas Churchill, Edward Sheehan, Health Director Thomas Carbone and Recording Secretary Dawn Cathcart.

Public Hearings

Bruce MacDonald, 46 Hill Street, Failure to Abate a Public Health Nuisance (Continued)

Mr. Carbone stated that Mr. MacDonald called this morning stating he was just about done. He stated that he was not feeling well and would not be at the meeting. Mr. Carbone stated that he went to the site today and it will not be cleaned up in a week. Mr. Carbone advised the board to send this to Town Counsel to begin the legal process.

Ms. Kinnon asked how much has been taken out. Mr. Carbone replied that a lot has been taken out but it could be more. Mr. Carbone stated that the legal process should start but if he does comply in the mean time then the Town won't have to file. Ms. Kinnon asked what the injunction would be for. Mr. Carbone replied it would be an order to clean up the property.

MOTION - Mr. Churchill made a motion to refer the matter of 46 Hill Street, failure to abate a public health nuisance to Town Counsel to start the legal process. The motion was seconded by Mr. McHatton and unanimously voted 5-0.

Discussions

MRC Letter to Licensed Health Professionals

Mr. Carbone provided a draft letter that he will give Ms. Burns and she will mail the letter to all Tewksbury residents in the MRC database.

Mr. Churchill asked if a letter will be sent to non-medical personnel. Mr. Carbone replied he couldn't do a direct mailing to everyone. Mr. French suggested a request be done through Channel 10. Mr. McHatton suggested a pamphlet be available at Environmental Day. Ms. Kinnon suggested putting the application and information on the MRC on the website. Mr. Carbone stated that he would look into this and he believes there is a hot link to the MRC there now.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION - Mr. French made a motion to approve the Board of Health minutes of September 8, 2005. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kinnon and unanimously voted 5-0.

Director Reports

Mr. Carbone stated that the third compliance check was done for the Tobacco Program. There are thirty-four establishments and thirty were checked. This check was to purchase blunt wraps. There was one sale and that establishment is a repeat offender. Mr. Carbone stated that he spoke with the manager today and he will be appearing before the board. Mr. Carbone stated that there was a new person working for the Tobacco Control Coalition and there was some confusion of where and when they went before.

Mr. Carbone stated that the Fire Department is having an open house on October 16, 2005. They have invited the Board of Health to have a table there. Mr. French stated that they should do something. Mr. Carbone stated that the audience will be younger kids and parents and whatever is done should target them.

Mr. Carbone stated that they need help for Environmental Day on October 15, 2005. There will be a \$20 user fee and there is a new traffic pattern. The time is from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the DPW.

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Board Member Reports

Mr. French asked for a West Nile update. Mr. Carbone stated that he was notified yesterday at 4:00 PM that there was a pool of positive mosquitoes in Wilmington. With the cooler weather, the activity should slow down. Ms. Kinnon asked if they are still spraying. Mr. Carbone replied no, because of the temperature, it would be no longer effective.

TSAAC

Mr. French stated that the next meeting will be October 13, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Library. They are working on a presentation. Their new name is Tewksbury Cares.

Mr. McHatton asked if the Town is going to have a Flu Clinic. Mr. Carbone stated that the first shipment of vaccines will be given to the providers. Mr. Carbone added that he will not set up anything until the vaccine is in hand.

Mr. Churchill asked if there would be a Health Fair this year. Mr. Carbone stated that last year the Health Fair was put on by the Council on Aging at the Senior Center. The Senior Center is under renovations this year so he doesn't think it will happen.

MOTION - Ms. Kinnon made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Churchill and unanimously voted 5-0.

Approved: _____
Christine Kinnon, Clerk