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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM F**

A meeting of the Board of Health was held in Conference Room F, Municipal Center, 30 Providence Road, Grafton, MA.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin, Chairman; Deborah A. Chouinard, Vice Chairman; Philip E. Dumas and Jay Gardiner  
 Richard J. Kirejczyk, Clerk, was not in attendance.  
 Also in attendance: Peter Clark, Stop & Shop; Dr. M. Sawkat Anwer and Jean Poteete of Tufts; Nancy Connors, Recording Secretary

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to open the meeting at 6:00 P.M., seconded by Mr. Gardiner; unanimously passed.

**Peter Clark – Stop & Shop – Tobacco Violation**

Mr. Clark, Store Manager, was present before the Board to discuss the violation of June 27, 2016 of selling a tobacco product to a minor. Mr. Gardiner informed him that whenever a violation occurs the Board invites that establishment to meet with them and see what plans have been implemented so it would not happen again. Mr. Clark explained they implement a quarterly sign off and a one-on-one evaluation. He stated that since Tobacco 21 was implemented September 1<sup>st</sup> they have added two sign offs and sit down with anyone who is selling behind the desk. They are checking ID's for anyone under the age of 40. Mr. Gardiner questioned what a sign off is to which Mr. Clark stated it's a verbal training one-one-one and a refresher every quarter of the year so now all employees will be trained four times a year. Mr. Clark did question if there are any workshops being offered as was approximately ten years ago. The Board's secretary will check into this and get back to Mr. Clark.

**CMRPHA Update**

No one from the Alliance was present at the meeting. The Board reviewed the Monthly Board of Health Meeting Updates for September, 2016 which was emailed to the office from the Alliance on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Chouinard noted that City of Worcester has drafted marijuana ordinance in advance of the anticipated November vote to legalize marijuana. The ordinance will be shared with the Alliance along with the Medical Marijuana Regulation created for the Worcester Board of Health. Mrs. Chouinard stated she has been asking to see this draft for the past several months and to date has not seen a copy.

Mrs. Chouinard requested the Board's secretary contact Pat Bruchmann, R.N., Public Health Nurse to see if we will be getting the mist or just injectable for the influenza clinics.

Mr. Gardiner stated he realizes there are scheduling issues and appreciates the report; however, this is a symptom of a much larger issue. This is not a typical public service program. This is a business relationship and the Alliance is the vendor and the Board of Health is the customer and he feels lately continually having a difficult time. It's been proven the model works but the change in leadership leaves him with no confidence in the leadership at this time with the Alliance and would like to make a motion to look at different avenues to pursue, potentially. He continued that it took over 2-1/2 months to get office hours and has a concern on after hours emergency response. He stated we have been in the Alliance for three plus years and the expectations have not changed on the Town's end. He continued that he has spoken to other communities within the Alliance and several of them are also not satisfied with the Alliance. He stated this is not an overreaction to the events of Labor Day Weekend but has seen a downward spiral for the past six months. A motion was made by Mr. Gardiner to pursue other avenues, potentially, to see what is available for services with Mr. Gardiner researching the other possibilities, seconded by Mr. Dumas; unanimously passed.

Mr. Gardiner continued that we are the customer and our expectations are not being met. Mrs. Chouinard agreed that we are here to protect public safety and the services we are receiving are not meeting our expectations.

**Amend Supplemental Regulations – Mandatory Connection to Sewer System**

This was tabled to the October meeting when all members would be in attendance.

**Nominate Dawn Farmer, GGMRC Director, to Represent Town of Grafton at PHEP Steering Committee Meetings & Philip Leger, Chief of Environmental Health & Response as an Alternate**

A motion was made by Mr. Gardiner to nominate Dawn Farmer to represent The Town of Grafton at PHEP Steering Committee Meetings and Philip Leger as an alternate, seconded by Mrs. Chouinard; unanimously passed. A letter will be sent to Colleen Bolen, City of Worcester, Division of Public Health, Office of Health & Medical Preparedness.

**Mosquito Control**

Discussion took place at the June Board of Health meeting with Mr. McInerney and Mr. Deschamps of CMMCP regarding Zika, WNV and EEE. Mr. McInerney had questioned Mrs. Gwozdowski Gauvin if this will be placed on the October town Meeting. The Board felt this does not necessarily have to be a warrant article from the Board of Health but could be from the Board of Selectmen as well. Also at the June meeting there were neither human cases of WNV nor any positive mosquitoes testing for WNV. Discussion did take place on educating the townspeople and having information at National Night Out, Farmers Market, Movies in the Park and any public event. Mr. Gardiner reminded all that the Alliance was supposed to have been at these events handing out the information. Mrs. Gwozdowski Gauvin reminded all that Mr. McInerney was also going to do some education and obtain a video on the program to be placed on the website, Facebook and cable television.

Mrs. Chouinard agreed at this time it was not worth putting it on a warrant article because there were no videos, no informational sessions held and did not know if any information was available at the town organized events. She also felt getting more information on the chemicals being used needed to be obtained because this was a concern at prior town meeting. Discussion will take place again for spring town meeting.

**After Hours BoH Issues / Complaints**

Mr. Gardiner informed the Board that on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 1:30 pm. he received a telephone call from Robert Berger, Building Inspector, regarding a hoarding case. Grafton Police received the initial call and called Mr. Berger who called the Alliance (Mr. Phil Leger). The Alliance (Mr. Phil Leger) informed Grafton that pictures needed to be taken, the dwelling needs to be secured and that the Alliance would handle it on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gardiner stated this is why Mr. Berger contacted him because no one from the Alliance was able to assist so he went to the site.

Mr. Gardiner is disappointed with the results from the Alliance in that a public safety issue was occurring after hours and their assistance was requested and they did not respond. He continued that we are the recipients of the services and we are not getting them. Mrs. Gwozdowski Gauvin stated they have received no updates and Mrs. Chouinard questioned why the Board members were not notified. The Board members stated they are not satisfied with the Alliance.

**To Be Signed**

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Gardiner; unanimously passed.

Holden Landmark Corp.	\$ 36.00
MHOA	290.00
MHOA	40.00
MHOA	60.00
Moore Medical LLC	303.66
W B Mason	52.78
W B Mason	133.98
Verizon Wireless	39.99

Disposal System Construction Permit  
105 Fitzpatrick Road / Andrea Maffei

**Dr. M. Sawkat Anwer RE: Tufts IBC Community Rep**

Dr. Anwer and Jean Poteete were present before the Board to discuss the vacant IBC Community Rep position with the resignation of Shirley Russo. The Board of Selectmen is the appointing authority with recommendation(s) from the Board of Health. There is only one applicant at this time and the Board feels more advertising should be done to see if someone with a science, or environmental health background would apply because this one applicant has none. Mrs. Chouinard feels the individual that is appointed will be representing the Town of Grafton which is why she is advocating for someone with knowledge in public health, environmental concerns, occupational health or science background.

Dr. Anwer explained to the Board that local guidelines do not call for a scientist just a general understanding of the town and must be a registered voter. This person would attend the IBC meetings and listen to what Tufts is discussing and to ask questions for example “is it safe for the Town, is it safe for the community” on whatever it is they are discussing. He continued that not having any background could be an advantage because the person could state “I do not understand” and ask for an explanation.

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Mr. Gardiner stated he understands, however, it would be helpful for this person to understand employer (Tufts), understand animal's quality of life and needs to understand the community. He feels it would be beneficial having some sort of public health background.

Mrs. Chouinard thought perhaps putting this out to retired science teacher or someone down at the Senior Center could bring someone forward with some background. A handout of the description will be passed out at Tufts Open House this coming weekend. She is going to contact Jennifer Thomas (Board of Selectmen) to have the Selectmen hold off appointment someone until more candidates apply.

Mrs. Poteete stated there are several candidates she can think of who would be a good fit for the position but it's difficult to find someone not affiliated with Tufts.

A flyer will be sent to Ceil Thurber, Head Nurse of School System, to see if she can think of any retired science teacher or nurses. Notification was also sent out to the GGMRC seeking potential candidates. This will also be sent out to the Senior Center to see if they can think of anyone who is retired that may want to sit on the Board which the meetings are held once a month on a Friday afternoon.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to accept the Minutes of June 13, 2016 as written, seconded by Mr. Gardiner; unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to accept the Minutes of August 8, 2016 as written, seconded by Mr. Gardiner; unanimously passed.

**Correspondence / Mail**

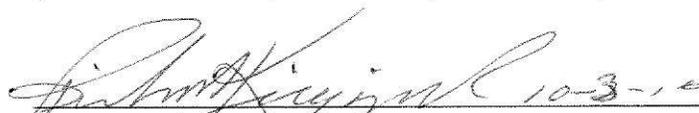
The Board reviewed the Legal Notice for Troiano Trucking at 109 Creeper Hill Road requesting a variance on setbacks from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Kirejczyk had sent an email that he would like to Board to send an email/letter to support the variance. The Board questioned why they would be weighing in on zoning issues something they have no knowledge on. No action was taken.

Ms. Gwozdowski Gauvin informed the Board of an upcoming meeting to discuss after hours coverage with Karyn Clark and Mr. McInerney. If she cannot make the meeting Mr. Gardiner stated he would be able attend.

Mrs. Chouinard questioned in the interim of finding an IBC Community Rep could the Selectmen temporarily appoint any of the Board of Health Members. Mrs. Chouinard and Mr. Gardiner stated that they would each be able to take a month.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chouinard to adjourn at 7:05 P.M., seconded by Mr. Dumas; unanimously passed.

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ATTEST:

  
Ricard J. Kirejczyk, Clerk