

**Burlington Board of Health
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2008**

Board Members Present: Edward Weiner, Ph.D., Chair; Jim Dion; Catherine Read, Ph.D.; Wayne Saltsman, M.D.

Staff Members Present: Sharon Walker Mastenbrook, Director of Public Health; Heidi Porter, Environmental Engineer; Andria Nemoda, Supervising Nurse

Chairman Weiner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 12, 2008

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2008 as submitted (Dr. Read; second: Dr. Saltsman).

APPROVED: 4-0-0

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Weiner announced that former Board of Health member, Jane Richard, had retired from her current position as a principal clerk in the BOH office. At one time, she had also been the recording clerk for the BOH. Dr. Weiner said that she had been very dedicated, and on behalf of the entire Board, he wished her well. Robert Buckley commented that Ms. Richard was always fair and had the interest of the community in mind.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Saltsman relayed a message to the community about the rising number of influenza and gastrointestinal cases, and he urged caregivers and others in the community with signs of these illnesses to isolate themselves from children and the elderly. Hand washing, he said, is the most effective way of preventing the spread of infectious disease.

SPECIAL PERMIT

▶ **Proposed Fast Food Establishment, H-Mart, 3 Old Concord Rd. (former Decathlon Sports)**

Attorney Tom Murphy of Shea Murphy & Gulde was present representing H-Mart, a national, Asian-based grocery store with approximately 25 stores in the country. They also sell non-Asian food. This would be their first location in New England. H-Mart, which is behind the Burlington Market Basket, proposes to move into the entire former Decathlon Sports building. They are seeking approval of a Site Plan and Special Permit, because they will also be preparing food and there is a food court proposed for the establishment. Mr. Murphy stated that Ms. Johnson had supplied him with the standard recommendations and conditions.

Dr. Weiner asked that the Board be kept apprised of plans for grease traps. Mr. Murphy said that, at this time, H-Mart is planning to install both an interior and exterior grease trap.

MOTION: To approve the Site Plan and Special Permit for H-Mart, a fast food Asian supermarket (Dr. Saltsman; second: Mr. Dion).

APPROVED: 4-0-0

SPECIAL PERMIT

▶ **ConforMIS, Inc., 2 Fourth Avenue**

Attorney Robert Buckley, Gutierrez Company, was present as well as Tim McGuire, an environmental consultant from McGuire Management Consulting as well as Dr. Michael Sharp, representing ConforMIS, Inc. Mr. Buckley explained that the proponent has submitted plan applications for a Special Permit and Site Plan Waiver for 2 Fourth Avenue with respect to the disposal of small quantities of hazardous waste.

Dr. Sharp explained that technology, developed by ConforMIS, converts MRI and CT scans into a unique knee implant system that reduces the need for invasive tissue resection. Devices are designed to conform to each patient's anatomy, and the implants allow the surgeon to resurface rather than replace the joint. The MRI or CT scans are converted to a CAD program, and they are able to create a 3D model of a patient's knee, and this model aids in the creation of an exact device for each patient.

Ms. Porter asked about chemical and cadaver storage, usage and disposal. Dr. Sharp replied that sodium and hydroxide will be used for the 3D printing process and potassium hydroxide will be used for cleaning plastic parts and isopropyl alcohol is used for cleaning counters. All will be disposed of via protocols set by the MWRA. Mr. McGuire said he is aware of the regulations and the local laws and that the comments of the staff were acceptable. With respect to cadavers, Dr. Sharp explained that they are only a storage facility for the parts or tissue they receive, which are shipped to New England Baptist Hospital, upon request, for research. Cadavers parts are properly disposed of by a disposal service when no longer needed or if there were unsafe temperatures during storage.

Ms. Porter asked that they explain how they are contained and what is done in the event of a power loss. Dr. Sharp replied a freezer with a plastic liner is used which is alarmed when the temperature drops to an unsafe level or if there is a power failure.

Dr. Weiner asked about the neutralization of waste. Ms. Porter replied that, as part of MWRA's process, the requests of the proponents for proper disposal will be evaluated. If it is determined that volume is too great, the permit will not be allowed by MWRA, and thus the waste would go to a hazardous waste vendor. Ms. Porter added that she would be conducting annual inspections.

MOTION: To approve the Special Permit and Site Plan Waiver Applications for ConforMIS, Inc., 2 Fourth Avenue (Mr. Dion; second by Dr. Saltsman).

APPROVED: 4-0-0

MINOR ENGINEERING CHANGE

▶ L'Andana Grill, 86 Cambridge Street – Installation of Exterior Storage Container

Ms. Mastenbrook stated that a request for a minor engineering change was received for the addition of an 8' x 20' storage container at L'Andana Grill. The Board recommended that the container be inspected by health inspectors during routine inspections, and food and paper supplies must be six inches off the floor. It was not necessary for the proponent to be present.

MOTION: To approve the Application for a Minor Engineering Change for an 8' x 20' storage container at L'Andana Grill, 86 Cambridge Street with recommendations (Mr. Dion; second: Dr. Saltsman).

APPROVED: 4-0-0

STAFF REPORTS

▶ Environmental Engineer's Report

Hazardous Material Registration: Ms. Porter reported that the hazardous material registrations are being returned. There has been a slight increase in the number of establishments requiring registration.

Wildwood School: Pre-demolition preparations continue at the Wildwood School in the event the building is razed. An asbestos survey will be completed, and soil assessments will be conducted in the area of the underground storage tank. Ms. Porter will be present during the taking of soil samples.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day: Preparations continue for the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day taking place on Saturday, April 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Marshall Simonds Middle School.

Tier II Filing for EPA: Ms. Porter said that the Town's annual registrations for Tier II filing for the EPA were submitted before the deadline. Both the fire department and the water treatment plant are subject to filing.

Dr. Weiner thanked Ms. Porter for her very thorough review with respect to the active remedial site at 14 Wheeler Road. He added that under her guidance, the Board of Health will be able to keep the environment of Burlington clean.

MOTION: To accept the Environmental Engineer's report as submitted (Dr. Read; second: Mr. Dion).

APPROVED: 4-0-0

▶ **Health Agent's Report**

The Board members expressed their appreciation for Ms. Johnson's very meticulous work and reports.

MOTION: To approve the Health Agent's Report as submitted (Mr. Dion; second: Dr. Saltsman).

APPROVED: 4-0-0

▶ **Board of Health Nursing Report**

Ms. Mastenbrook introduced Andria Nemoda, the new Supervising Nurse, and Burlington resident, stating that she was delighted to have her in the department and that she believes Ms. Nemoda will be an asset to the community.

Ms. Nemoda stated that it was an honor to be accepted for the position and gave a brief background of her studies. Dr. Read thanked Ms. Nemoda for the work done on the new protocols. With respect to the office, the blood pressure clinics, she said, are going well. The flu clinics have ended, but there is still vaccine available.

MOTION: To accept the Board of Health Nursing Report as submitted (Dr. Read; second: Mr. Dion).

APPROVED: 4-0-0

▶ **Director of Public Health's Report**

Mosquito Article: Ms. Mastenbrook included an article regarding bad microbes and commented that she is pleased that Burlington has a strong mosquito spraying program.

Emergency Preparedness: A letter was sent, Ms. Mastenbrook stated, to Mary Clerk, the Director of the Emergency Preparedness Bureau in Boston asking that the Bureau consider dividing Region 4A (34 communities) into two or possibly three regions. She also requested written documentation of what constitutes a host agent.

Ms. Mastenbrook next said that she has invited the towns of Lexington and Winchester to participate in a small regional exercise next year. In an exercise such as this, different towns would be in charge of separate tasks.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic: Ms. Mastenbrook reported that the next rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats, and ferrets would be on Saturday, March 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Dr. Sarfraz Mian, DVM, from Merrimack Animal Hospital, will once again be present, and the fee is \$15.00, cash.

Line Item Transfer Request: Two requests were prepared to be sent to Ways and Means. One for salaries paid to contracted workers to cover vacant nurse and clerical positions. The second was to correct the account for which the appropriation for the recording clerk was placed.

MOTION: To approve two Line Item Transfer Requests dated February 20, 2008 (Mr. Dion; second: Dr. Read).

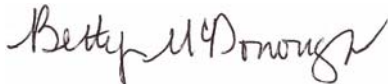
APPROVED: 4-0-0

MOTION: To approve the Director of Public Health's report as submitted (Dr. Saltsman; second: Dr. Read).

APPROVED: 4-0-0

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:35 p.m. (Dr. Read; second: Mr. Dion). **APPROVED: 4-0-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty McDonough".

Betty McDonough
Recording Secretary