

**Burlington Board of Health
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2009**

Board Members Present: Terry McSweeney, Chair; Ed Weiner, Ph.D, Vice-Chair; Jim Dion; Wayne Saltsman, M.D., Ph.D

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

Mr. McSweeney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 10, 2009

Motion: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2009 as submitted (Mr. Dion; second: Dr. Saltsman). **Approved: 3-0-1**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. McSweeney expressed his appreciation to Dr. Weiner for his role as acting chair while Mr. McSweeney was out of town

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Swine Flu (H1N1 Flu)

Dr. Saltsman reported that there were no cases of swine flu in New England at the time of the meeting, but there were other cases being reported in the country. He gave advise on how to avoid the flu and stay healthy.

DRAINAGE PERMIT

▶ ***1 Demone Drive***

Gary Reynolds, homeowner, was present. Ms. Porter reviewed the history of the drainage permit and stated that the necessary, revised drainage control plan, prepared by David Romero, was received April 13. The new proposal, she said, calls for conveying storm water via a grass-lined open swale.

Mr. McSweeney stated his concern about the pitch of the swale, and Mr. Reynolds replied that when completed he would have the work inspected by the engineer.

Motion: To accept revised, stamped drainage plan (Dr. Saltsman; second: Mr. Dion).
Approved: 4-0-0

VARIANCE

▶ ***Dunkin Donuts, 85 Wilmington Road, Exterior Grease Trap***

The proponent did not appear. The BOH agreed to hold this agenda item until the next meeting. Ms. Johnson was asked to send a letter advising them of the next meeting and to inform them that they must be present. If they are not present the BOH will make the decision on the exterior grease trap variance.

Motion: To postpone discussion of variance for exterior grease trap for 85 Wilmington Road for one meeting (Dr. Weiner; second: Dr. Saltsman). **Approved: 4-0-0**

VARIANCE

▶ ***Grill at the Oasis, 164 Middlesex Turnpike, Exterior Grease Trap***

Todd Fremont-Smith, Nordblom Company was present representing Hany Bandar, owner. Ms. Johnson reported that this establishment is seeking a variance from Burlington BOH Regulations Concerning Grease Trap Requirements with respect to an external grease trap. The restaurant will be located inside an office building and be open for breakfast and lunch on weekdays. There is an existing passive grease trap connected to the ware wash sink.

Mr. Fremont-Smith, Nordblom Company stated that the former management company had been granted a variance for an external grease trap in July of 2008, but it is not transferable

Ms. Johnson's recommendation was to deny, but if the BOH decides to grant a variance, that the proponent adhere to the conditions and appear before the BOH in one year for consideration of a permanent variance.

Motion: To grant a one-year temporary variance with the stipulation that the proponent follow the conditions and appear before the BOH in one year for the consideration of a permanent variance (Dr. Weiner; Second: Dr. Saltsman) **Approved: 4-0-0**

STAFF REPORTS

▶ **Environmental Engineer's Report**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, April 25, 2009: Ms. Porter reported that the collection day was successful and thanked all Board members for attending. There were 422 cars that came through. Propane tanks were collected as well as medical sharps.

A new volunteer, Renee McDonough, was present Ms. Porter said. She stated that Ms. McDonough would be assisting as an intern this summer on storm water operation and management.

Grandview Farm: An underground storage tank will be removed in July. She reported that, although pre-demolition paperwork had been completed, she had not been notified when parts of the building came down. The Town Administrator's office was notified, but she has not yet had a response. The BOH recommended that a second letter be sent.

North East Public Health Learning Institute: Ms. Porter stated she has been invited to participate as a scholar in the year-long NEPHLI program.

The April 27, 2009 Universal Waste Collection event was successful. The town is very responsive, and ten local businesses brought items for disposal.

Regional Emergency: A great deal has been accomplished, and a grant was received to assist the department to be prepared for a flu epidemic.

43 South Avenue, Former MA/COM Building: The history of this site was reviewed and further assessment and remediation continues.

Meadowbrook School: Dr. Weiner asked about the nitrous oxide tanks found at the former Meadowbrook School. Ms. Porter responded that these tanks have been removed, and it is not known where they came from as there are no labels. The tanks were properly removed, and the contents will be identified with a report being sent to the BOH.

Motion: To accept the Environmental Engineer's report as submitted (Mr. Dion; second: Dr. Saltsman). **Approved: 4-0-0**

► **Health Agent's Report**

School Cafeterias: All school cafeterias are inspected twice a year and the recent inspections were completed in March.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic: The clinic was held on March 28, 2009, with Ms. Johnson in attendance. 96 dogs, 42 cats, and one ferret received their rabies vaccine.

Pool Inspections: A pool operator seminar was held on April 15 with 17 pool operators in attendance.

Outback Steakhouse: There is a new proprietor, Charles Kozmits. Ms. Johnson reviewed past inspections and pending conditions with Mr. Kozmit. Ms. Johnson stated that since his arrival, conditions at the restaurant have improved.

Recreational Camps: Applications and paperwork have been mailed to the six camps on record.

Border Café: Ms. Johnson said that although invoices were found, Border Café could not locate their grease trap log during a recent inspection, and they were issued a warning.

Motion: To accept the Health Agent's report as submitted (Dr. Weiner; second: Mr. Dion). **Approved: 4-0-0**

► **Board of Health Nursing Report**

Flu Clinics: The clinics were completed in March and remaining vaccines on stock will be returned.

Blood Pressure Clinics: Plans are ongoing to set up a clinic at the Food Pantry.

Mass in Motion: Ms. Nemoda reported that the Mass in Motion Municipal Wellness and Leadership Grant application had been co-submitted by the Director of Public Health and Supervising Nurse. The program's objectives are to promote wellness and preventing overweight and obesity.

Swine Flu: Ms. Nemoda discussed prevention and said that the department's website had information on the flu. She also commented on the existing "*Cover Your Cough*" brochure which states that there is a vaccine for the flu; however, the H1N1 Flu is a new virus and currently there is no vaccine to protect against this particular virus.

Motion: To accept the Nurse's report as submitted (Dr. Saltsman; Mr. Dion).

Approved: 4-0-0

► Director of Public Health's Report

Ms. Mastenbrook reported that all materials for the MRC application had been submitted. The status is pending.

Motion: To accept the Director of Public Health's reports (Dr. Saltsman; second Mr. Dion).

Approved: 4-0-0

DISCUSSION

- **Presentation by Vanita Tongbram, MPH, BU School of Public Health**

Ms. Mastenbrook introduced graduate student, Ms. Tongbram, who is getting her Masters in Public Health in May. Ms. Tongbram's presentation focused on the cultural sensitivity brochure she created for MRC volunteers working with the Indian community during an EDS. She stated that there are many different cultures and barriers throughout the community. Ms. Mastenbrook stated that the brochure had very valuable information and she and the BOH thanked Ms. Tongbram.

Recommendations included:

- Identifying the correct volunteers;
- Involve representatives from different backgrounds;
- Consider more active outreach for volunteers from PTO groups, restaurants, or grocery stores to identify Indian families;
- Create a check list for the volunteers to identify cultural sensitivity and beliefs.

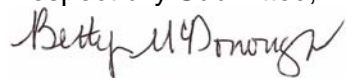
DISCUSSION

- **Rabies Clinic 2009**

A PowerPoint presentation was next given of the recent rabies vaccination clinic.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:00 p.m. (Dr. Saltsman; second: Jim Dion). **Approved: 4-0-0**

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty McDonough, Recording Secretary