

HAMILTON BOARD OF HEALTH

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2009

Members Present: Lindle Willnow, Susan Wilfahrt, Karen Zagorski, Health Agent Leslie Whelan, Public Health Nurse Sheryl Knutsen and Administrative Assistant Nancy Stevens.

Meeting Opened: 7:35 p.m. at Hamilton Town Hall

Sheryl Knutsen/Public Health Nurse

Discussion: Disposal of Sharps/Flu Clinic/Emergency Dispensing Site Plan

Sharps Disposal

The Town has received nearly two shopping bags worth of used sharps. There are three options for disposing of sharps: bring them to Addison Gilbert Hospital in Gloucester, pay \$100 to a company for removal, or residents could be instructed to return them to the prescribing physicians. Public Health Nurse Sheryl Knutsen said a license is required to transport sharps.

Town officials agreed that signs should be posted at Town Hall and emails sent to all Town departments explaining that Hamilton should not accept used sharps. A list will be developed outlining sharps disposal sites. Information can be found on the Department of Public Health's (DPH) website.

Flu Clinic

Knutsen said when she was hired it was for disease investigation but a pandemic has occurred this year making this more complicated.

In reference to the seasonal flu clinic, Knutsen said Partners could seek reimbursement of \$22 per person for flu shots. If Partners provides flu vaccine, reimbursement is possible for that as well. Historically, flu shots have been free for clinic participants.

Health Agent Leslie Whelan said Partners is paid \$55 an hour to conduct the clinic. Susan Wilfahrt suggested this practice continue.

Discussion focused on what demographic (i.e., elderly and children) would get flu vaccines first. If a H1N1 swine flu vaccine is manufactured in limited quantities rules will have to be set.

Schools don't ordinarily give immunizations and if this were done a parental approval process would be required. Trained volunteer nurses could be brought in to give the vaccine. Knutsen said flu mist was worth giving to children but not the elderly. Wilfahrt said when polio was prevalent this was the last time schools gave vaccines.

Whelan noted that a conversation with the schools would have to follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Emergency money and 100,000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine could possibly be reserved for schools. The DPH says 20% of school children offered vaccine take it.

Knutsen said people with asthma and individuals who smoke are at greater risk of complications from flu.

Emergency Dispensing Site Plan

Knutsen gave the Board copies of an emergency dispensing site plan that is required by the CDC and DPH. She discussed a site overview, how it would be manned, airdrop situations (detail could be included on an aerial view of Winthrop School) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100 and 700 testing and certification.

Also discussed were job descriptions, how names should be determined for those roles and that the plan should be shared with those individuals. Knutsen said the value of the planning is to set up the relationships.

Whelan asked Board members to serve in jobs or recommend people for them. Administrative Assistant Nancy Stevens was asked to identify individuals at Town Hall who could serve. Whelan will speak to Greg Bernard, Wenham's health agent about this topic.

Outside Consultants

Lindle Willnow moved that the Board accept the rules and regulations for hiring outside consultants. Susan Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

He suggested that the Board might want to consider additional requirements as necessary in this context. Whelan instructed Stevens to post a legal notice about these

rules and regulations in the Hamilton-Wenham Chronicle newspaper for a certain number of days. Then this becomes a legal regulation. Information would be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Request for Deed Removal for 200 Asbury Street from Kathleen Poulin-Hough

Willnow moved that the Board accept the request by Kathleen Poulin-Hough that the deed restriction at 200 Asbury Street is no longer required and the requestor should take further actions to rescind said restriction. Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

The Board will send Poulin-Hough a letter.

Update Board re: Local Upgrade Approval Requests for Groundwater Reductions

Two local upgrade requests for 1' reduction to groundwater were granted at 10 Maple Street and 34 Tally Ho Drive. The plans would have needed pumps or walls but in both cases more leach lines were required as part of the approval. The systems were located in sand so there will be more treatment area.

Also a meeting will be held with Myopia Hunt Club representatives on Friday in regard to a septic system located on the other side of the club's bridge for all of its buildings. The waste pipe to the system will be hung along side the bridge to the leaching field. If the Miles River were navigable the bridge would have to be changed. The flow for the septic system is slightly less than 10,000 gallons per day. The club is trying to address a series of failed systems.

Addendum: Land Application

Willnow moved the Board accept the request to draft a letter to DEP in support of the application for land certificate for Brick Ends Farm. Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Biosolids from Rockport sludge are applied to the land for agricultural purposes at Brick Ends Farm. Agresource has a composting facility in Ipswich where the solids go once a year from Rockport. The Bureau of Resource Protection has the main concern of any metals in the solids that could leach into the groundwater. Testing is done to ensure that there isn't any accumulation of heavy metals.

Review/Approve BOH Meeting Minutes for 6/24/09

Willnow moved the Board accept the minutes as presented. Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

REVIEW OLD BUSINESS

The Board requested this packet be supplied via email.

MOU w/Beverly Hospital

No action. Whelan will follow up with Assistant Town Administrator Allison Jenkins to see if the Selectmen have any comments.

Tobacco Regulations

Whelan said the state would go back in six months for an inspection when there has been a violation.

Meeting Adjourned:

Willnow moved at 9:21 p.m. to adjourn. Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

The Board's next meeting is on Wednesday, August 19.

ATTEST:

cc: Selectmen
Town Clerk

Planning Board
Conservation