

HAMILTON BOARD OF HEALTH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

Present: Board of Health members: Lindle Willnow, Susan Wilfahrt, Health Agent Leslie Whelan, Public Health Nurse Christine Lee, Health Inspector Roberta Cody

Meeting Opened: Lindle Willnow called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Hamilton Senior Center

Christine Lee – Public Health Nurse – Semi-Annual Update

The semi-annual report covered activities managed by the Public Health nurse from April to December. There was an exchange student at Pingree School with measles and follow-up measures were taken including notification of MDPH and exposed parties. The Public Health nurse and Pingree School nurse hosted a measles booster clinic on May 1 with 30 staff vaccinated. Lee presented a mosquito/tick bite lab from MDPH to third, fourth and fifth graders at Winthrop School. Cutler School took pamphlets on the lab, and Buker School expressed interest in receiving the presentation. Lee partnered with Hamilton Police Department and Orange Leaf Hamilton store promoting bike helmet safety where 200 school aged children were commended for their use of bicycle helmets and rewarded with yogurt coupons. The BOH presented film on GMOs at HW Library, which was followed up by presentation providing the opposite viewpoint of the film by scientist from New England Biolabs. Three flu clinics were held, two at COA and one at High School, with 529 vaccinated. The TB regulation has been well received at schools in Town. GCTS will work with Lee to do a TB clinic in February at the college's expense and plans are to hold as many as three clinics a year (i.e., \$805 a year) with GCTS part time nurse Dan Neves, Lee and two other nurses. A shingles clinic (60+ years old) is planned for February 24 at the COA at a cost of \$222 a dose (20 doses to be kept in the freezer) which will not be covered by Medicare, so a secondary payer would reimburse. COA Director Marybeth Lawton will research with senior citizens if there is interest. Lee outlined the confirmed disease status cases. The Public Health nurse has not worked with the public safety personnel to deal with addiction in Town.

Roberta Cody – Health Inspector – Annual Update

The Health Inspector reported on annual or twice a year food inspections: food/retail, churches, catering, schools, food based events and mobile food trucks (i.e., ice cream trucks also get a permit from police department), food establishment openings and

closings, kitchen renovations, as well as camp, ice rink, pool and housing inspections. It was noted that:

- Winfrey's fudge is being sold at Timeless Interiors,
- clinics are being used versus five-day soccer camps,
- carbon monoxide testing is occurring at ice rink,
- housing inspection at Asbury Grove relative to compliance,
- Black Cow expansion is in compliance,
- 15 Walnut has turnover of chefs who are educated by Health Inspector at six-month inspections, and
- a new chef at Green Meadows Farm.

Also mentioned was inspection of Patton Homestead relative to interest in future bed and breakfast which was reported to Director of Planning and Inspections including how there cannot be a partially dirt basement floor in the location where events could be held.

Discussion – Board of Health Member – Vacancy

Discussion ensued about how to recruit interested people to fill BOH vacancy and Town Hall personnel were able to generate a list of professions of residents. The Board discussed how nurses, sanitarian, health officers, septic engineer, physicians in Town on list that BOH members recognize would be potential candidates who could receive a letter to assess interest in volunteering on the Board. Also, individuals who registered to volunteer with Medical Reserve Corps.

Review Minutes dated October 28, 2015

Willnow moved to approve the October 28, 2015 minutes as amended. Wilfahrt seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

New Business

Discussion ensued about how there may be a need for the Health Agent to speak to Peter Britton about the odor at his composting facility since a resident complained on upper Asbury Street.

Meeting Adjourned:

Willnow moved at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn. Wilfahrt seconded motion. VOTE: Unanimous. The Board's next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20 at the Senior Center.

ATTEST:

cc: Selectmen, Planning Board, Town Clerk, Conservation