

NORTH ATTLEBORO BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of
December 15, 2009 6:00 pm

In attendance: Don Bates, Chairman; John Donohue Jr., Jonathan Maslen, Members; Agents Rob Casper and Robert Davis; Public Health Nurse Anne Marie Fleming

Visitors: No visitors or appearances

Chairman Don Bates opened the meeting at 6:14 PM.

MEETINGS:

The Members agreed to hold their January meetings on Tuesday, January 12th and Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at the North Attleborough Electric Department, both at 6:00 PM.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to accept the minutes of December 1, 2009 as written. Seconded: Mr. Maslen. After discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE'S EVALUATION:

The Members completed Ms. Fleming's evaluation, presented it to her and discussion ensued. In the process, the group reviewed Ms. Fleming's goals for the upcoming year, including better utilization of the MAVEN electronic disease reporting system and reducing the many set-up details of the Emergency Dispensing Site to writing. Highlighted by the exemplary evaluation, the Members' discussion turned to the job descriptions approved by the Board in 2007 that have yet to be corrected by the Town or the Union, negatively affecting both Ms. Fleming and Mr. Davis' rates of pay. It was agreed that this error should be corrected as soon as possible and that the Board will submit a formal written request to the Director of Human Resources to do so. Prior to concluding her remarks, Ms. Fleming reported that while she would like to continue offering cholesterol screenings, the Department's aged cholesterol machine has stopped working and is beyond repair.

HEALTH AGENT'S MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2009:

Assistant Health Agent Rob Casper came before the Board to review his Monthly Report for November 2009 and answer the Members' questions. Noting that North Attleboro does not allow percs to be done in July and August currently, the Members discussed the Department of Public Works desire to have the Board consider further narrowing the perc period due to the high water tables and perhaps modifying its perc rates as well.

MOTION made by Mr. Maslen to accept the Health Agent's Monthly Report for November 2009. Seconded: Mr. Donohue. After discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

The Members reviewed Mr. Davis' evaluation, presented it to him and discussion ensued. Although complimented on the high quality of his work, Mr. Davis felt his time management and inspection scheduling should be substantially improved. The Members will agree upon reasonable goals and objectives for Mr. Davis at their January 12th meeting.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WAIVER:

In response to a request from Mr. Davis, the FCC granted Fire Chief Peter Lamb a unique waiver to serve as an Amateur Radio Service (Ham Radio) licensee for the Department’s H1N1 flu clinics and Emergency Dispensing Site exercises originally projected for December 12 and 19th. Without receipt of sufficient H1N1 vaccine however, both clinic/exercise dates have had to be postponed. The Department has therefore written a second letter to the FCC asking it to change the waiver dates granted to January 2nd and January 30th, 2010 in order to be able to incorporate Ham Radio communications in the flu clinic/exercises for the first time.

CHRISTINA ESTATES:

Due to a cease and desist order issued by the Conservation Commission, the Christina Estates developer must address existing drainage system, sedimentation and erosion controls within the Christina Estates subdivision. Other Town departments also have issues with the subdivision and its developer that must be addressed as well. The 100+ lot project has two homes already built, but no sewer, water or electricity connected.

CONSULTING ENGINEER:

The Members discussed the need to vote on a subcommittee to be formed of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Board of Health that would properly discuss the hiring of a single consulting engineer for the Town. After noting that the Planning Board has already voted on and approved such a subcommittee, discussion ensued.

MOTION made by Mr. Donohue to support a six member ad-hoc committee to choose a single Consulting Engineer for the Town of North Attleboro, consisting of one Board member and one department head from the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and the Board of Health. Seconded: Mr. Maslen. After additional discussion, all in favor, motion passes 3-0.

COMPLAINT LOG:

Nail Salons

Mr. Davis reported that he and Mr. Donohue recently visited several of the Town’s nail salons to check on their ventilation systems and compliance with other requirements of the Board’s Nail Salon Regulation..

69 Peck Street

Mr. Davis is trying to coordinate followup inspections for the 2nd & 3rd floor apartments at 69 Peck Street as the owner lives overseas.

60 High Street

The owner of 60 High Street has been fined another \$300 for noncompliance with orders to correct multiple housing violations.

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT:

Mr. Davis reported that Bristol County Mosquito Control continues in its efforts to manage mosquito-transmitted (arbovirus) disease in North Attleboro and throughout the county, trying to contain the spread of West Nile Virus and EEE as it has, but some environmental groups are currently trying to restrict, weaken and/or outright eliminate those efforts. After discussion, the Members agreed that a letter should be written to the State Secretary of Environmental Affairs urging him to support the current methods of mosquito control and resist the efforts of the environmental lobby to change them. Further, the Members asked that letters be sent to Senator

Brown and Representative Poirier asking for their support as well. The Members also agreed to endorse Mr. Davis' reappointment to the Bristol County Mosquito Control Commission as its only public health representative.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Donation

The First Congregational Church has made a \$500 donation to Lenore's Pantry and would like an announcement made at Thursday night's Selectmen's Meeting.

Pantry Shelving

Mr. Maslen has generously donated his time to the acquisition and erection of large shelving units for Lenore's Pantry, and he intends to deliver and install them on Wednesday. The entire room will be temporarily emptied out in order to put the shelving units in place.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Donohue to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Seconded: Mr. Maslen. No further discussion, motion passes 3-0.