

**TOWNS OF WENHAM and HAMILTON
JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARDS OF HEALTH**

Meeting of Thursday, January 10, 2019
Hamilton Senior Center, 299 Bay Road

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, § 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk in both towns delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Wenham and Hamilton Boards of Health (BOH) was held on January 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Hamilton Senior Center, 299 bay Road.

With a quorum present from both boards, David Smith called the Hamilton meeting to order at 6:57 pm.

Dr. Ting called the Wenham meeting to order at 6:57 pm

Hamilton Board Members Present: David B. Smith; Dr. Giselle K. Perez

Hamilton Board Members not present: Walter A. Row

Wenham Board Members Present: Dr. Andrew Ting; Gerald Donnellan; Regina Baker

Also Present: Leslie Whelan, Hamilton Health Agent; Maribeth Ting, Wenham Public Health Nurse; and Jackie Bresnahan, Wenham Permitting Coordinator and Special Projects Manager/ Recording Secretary

1. Introduction of members and staff – all members and staff introduced themselves.
2. Explanation of rationale for a joint Board meeting:
 - a. Mr. Smith noted the communication that had occurred between the two Board chairs on the topic of tobacco given that the two boards share purview over a common school district- HWRSD. Mr. Smith noted that the Boards of a history of shared meetings on topics that cover common ground.
3. Discussion: Do the two Boards have consistent policies covering the HWRSD on matters under board purview? Should they be consistent? What is the current enforcement authority for rules on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs in the HWRSD? Should the BOH be involved?
 - a. The two boards discussed the current concerns of tobacco use, particularly, e-cigarettes and vaping, in the regional school district with Vice Principal Bryan Menegoni. Mr. Menegoni noted that the district has a disciplinary response, but that other districts have taken a multi-tiered approach. Mr. Menegoni noted that fines are a strong deterrent based on feedback from students. Mr. Menegoni noted that it was his understanding that fines would have to be established under the authority of the Boards of Health.
 - b. The boards discussed what possible fines would look like and the members emphasized the importance of other programming such as intervention, prevention, and education (such as quit support or formal speakers) occurring in conjunction with any fines.
 - c. The boards discussed either a potential regulation or bylaw with resources and intervention. The follow up action items included language for a potential regulation that is consistent with what both boards have; work with legal on language and authority; and information from legal on the ability for a special allocation of any money raised from the fines to go to the programming and education. These action items were delineated to Dr. Ting and Mr. Smith, from each BOH. Maribeth Ting was tasked with reaching out to Joyce Redford, Director of the North Shore/Cape Ann TAPP program from language and researching the Newbury and Boxford regulations referenced by Mr. Menegoni. Finally, Mr. Menegoni was tasked with liaising with the School Committee on this matter by the end of January.
 - d. At this point, the Boards had no other district collaborations to discuss at this time.
4. Discussion: Are the mosquito control rules for the two Boards consistent and should they be? How can we coordinate on findings of WNV or EEE in mosquitos in either Town?
 - a. This year positive results for mosquitos with West Nile Virus were found in Wenham. The Board committed to additional education and creating public awareness and ended up not needing to do any adulticing or mosquito spraying.

- b. The Boards discussed how to communicate with each other and with the public when these results are positive, given this concern isn't restricted by geo-political boundaries.
 - c. Wenham is sharing their mosquito listserv with Hamilton and providing information to Hamilton on how it was developed. Wenham is also sharing the signage that was posted at public parks and playing fields so Hamilton has use of it as well. The Boards determined that annual school notifications, and information sharing at public gathering places will be a renewed two town commitment and staff will follow up on these items before the next mosquito season begins.
5. Discussion: Expired flu clinic Intermunicipal Agreement between Wenham and Hamilton.
- a. The Towns have had an inter-municipal agreement regarding Flu Clinics, but Wenham has since begun their own clinic for emergency preparedness drill purposes. It was determined that the expired IMA would not be renewed due to this change, but that the Boards would still jointly advertise and assist with staffing both Town's clinics.
6. Discussion: Are there any other areas or issues on which we should coordinate?
- a. There were no other areas or issues brought up for discussion by members of the Boards or by staff.

The Board adjourned unanimously at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Bresnahan