

## TOWN OF WENHAM

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting of Wednesday, September 07, 2016  
Town Hall, 138 Main Street

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Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, § 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Health (BOH) was held on September 7, 2016 at 8:00 AM in the downstairs conference room at Town Hall.

With a quorum present, Dr. Ting called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM.

Board Members Present: Chair Dr. Andrew Ting, Alyson Preston, RN; Gerald Donnellan

Also Present: Greg Bernard, Health Agent; Jackie Bresnahan, Permitting Coordinator and Recording Secretary; Bobbie Cody, Assistant Health Agent

#### New Business:

- 1. Flu Clinics 2016: Discussion regarding preparation for joint flu clinics with Hamilton BOH and feasibility of additional flu clinic to be held jointly with the Wenham COA**
  - a. Option of working with the Council on Aging for transportation regarding the upcoming October and November dates
  - b. No Action**
- 2. Flu Clinic Inter-municipal Agreement: Move to edit Flu Clinic Inter-municipal Agreement with Hamilton regarding amendments to the annual location of the flu clinics and the role played by the Wenham Public Health Nurse**
  - a. Motion to vote by Alyson Preston, seconded by Dr. Ting**
  - b. 2-0-1 abstain (Jerry)**
- 3. Food Code updates: Review and vote on updates of State Food Code as adopted by 13 of 15 North Shore communities**
  - a. Update by Bobbie Cody, Assistant Health Agent brought the Board up to the status quo with the regional federal code. 1999 is the code currently in place, question then becomes will the Board adopt 2013 code.
  - b. Motion to vote by Alyson Preston, seconded by Gerald Donnellan**
  - c. Unanimous vote in favor**
- 4. Emergency Preparedness: Meeting Coverage for North Shore-Cape Ann Coalition**
  - a. It was noted that meetings are not very accessible, thus folks only attend as needed. The question was then brought up, what is the benefit for us?
- 5. Mosquito Control Protocol: Discuss annual needs and procedures for staff for interaction with the Mosquito Control Board**
  - a. Health Agent Greg Bernard noted that during mosquito season his department will get calls from the Board, additionally noting that he has not yet sprayed for mosquitos. In response to the low level of mosquito calls Dr. Ting cited dryness as potential reasoning.
  - b. In moving to the issue of Tripoli/West Nile virus in Suffolk County, Health Agent Greg Bernard stated that he will continue to provide the Board with updates on cases. On the subject of spraying for mosquitos he believes what Wenham does currently is enough, and Gerald Donnellan noted that we usually follow Hamilton's lead on action.

- c. Dr. Ting then brought up the topic of mosquito traps, with Health Agent Greg Bernard informing Dr. Ting that the usual locations for these traps are 97, Iron Rail Park, the borders of the soccer fields, Gordon College, and the ponds off of Grapevine Road. Bernard noted that the process of larviating has worked well so far.
- d. If the need to spray for mosquitos arises, due to a positive case leading Wenham to be labeled a contagious community, Greg Bernard noted that the Board will be called together to issue a statement as well as take out a 911/website advertisement. Bernard noted that any time the town of Wenham has received a positive case and then sprayed for mosquitos, there has yet to be a repeat positive. Bernard also noted that if there is the ability to restrain from spraying it should be considered, as by the first few weeks of October (or the first hard frost) the mosquito season is over.

**6. FY18 Budget overview: Review of budget process timeline for FY18 and vote on preliminary budget request for FY18**

- a. Alyson Preston motioned to approve preliminary FY18 budget, seconded by Gerald Donnellan
- b. Unanimous vote in favor

**7. Inspector Report: Bobbie Cody, Assistant Health Agent**

- a. Update was requested on the reported hours, Wenham day, and fees etc.

**Old Business:**

**8. Barn Regulations: Review draft "Sanitary Regulations for Barns, Sheds, and Other Structures for the Commercial and Residential Keeping of Animals" dated August 31, 2016**

- a. Feedback on the document was given to Jacqueline Bresnahan for further revision

**9. Approval of minutes: June 23, 2016**

- a. Placed on hold, no action

**Announcements:**

**10. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 8:00 am at Town Hall, 2nd floor conference room.**

**The Board unanimously adjourned at 9:09 am.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Jackie Bresnahan