

Dracut Board of Health
Minutes
October 15, 2015

Present: Chairperson Evan Themeles, Vice Chairman, Louis Rousseau, Clerk, Paul Enis, and Marylee Enos, Secretary. The meeting was held at the Town Hall, 62 Arlington St, Dracut, MA.
Absent: Jill Laffin, Public Health Agent

Also in attendance; Cynthia Campbell, the Town Nurse
Chairperson Evan Themeles called the meeting to order 5:00p.m.

Minutes:

Louis Rousseau made a motion to approve the September 17, 2015, meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Enis. The motion passed unanimously.

Nurses Report:

The Town Nurse, Cynthia Campbell explained to the Board the Flu Clinic was a success, it was held on October 3, 2015 at the Richardson Middle School, we also did our coalition set up with Rich Patterson from the Fire Station at the same time. That all went well also, there is a meeting tomorrow with the Health Agent and the Coalition Reprehensive to go over how things went.

Cindy explained she did a total of 375 doses the day of the clinic. There was a request from the Council on Aging to do a mini Clinic at the Council on Aging for the seniors, which Cindy explained she was happy to do. Those shots totaled about thirty Flu shots.

The office visits have been approximately between 12 and 17 per day. The office shots are available on Tuesday and Fridays.

Old Business:

Chairman Evan Themeles asked if any follow up calls were done from the last meeting in conjunction with the Pipeline and the feedback from other Towns.

Dr. Lou Rousseau stated he talked to Ms. Laffin yesterday, she explained to Dr. Rousseau that she talked to the Health Department in Tewksbury and Methuen.

The Town of Methuen stated, they are not going to issue any statements. The Town of Tewksbury has pages and pages of documentation, they are issuing statements, stating they have problems with it.

Ms. Laffin also reached out to the Town of Wilmington, but has not heard back yet.

Mr. Enis explained unfortunately, even though the Selectmen and other boards have problems with it, its probably still coming. Mr. Enis stated his main concern is where it's going to be placed and the concerns with that.

Chairperson Mr. Themeles stated that what, we as a the board should be doing, is raising certain questions that has already been raised by other boards, by other communities, by other groups and be redundant about it, stating these are our concerns. The more you throw out there, the more difficult it will be to get it though.

Chairperson Themeles stated he wants to send out a letter, showing our main concerns to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager and the EAP and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Chairperson Themeles stated he has some concerns on Daycares. He would like to see if the Board of Health Agent can get a list of the Daycares and have the inspector go into some of the daycares unannounced, just to check and see if everything seems clean and looks good.

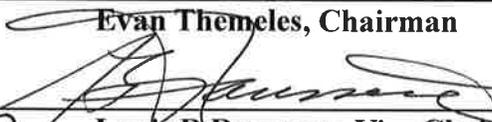
Mr. Enis asked what the progress is at Forest Park Road. A letter went out stating the place has to be cleaned up. Dr. Rousseau stated he went by yesterday and fifty percent of the front is cleaned up. In the back everything was covered by tarps. Dr. Rousseu stated he has not seen the fence that they said they were going to put up yet. Dr. Rousseau stated he will see if Jill can send a letter out asking them why the fence is not up yet.

Paul Enis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm, seconded by Evan Themeles, the motion passed unanimously.

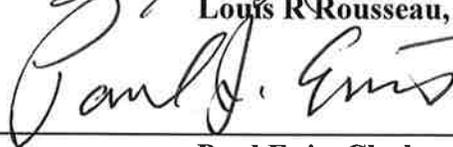
Board of Health



Evan Themeles, Chairman



Louis R Rousseau, Vice Chairman



Paul Enis, Clerk

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Tabaco Control:

Ron Beauregard from the department of Tabaco control came to tonight's meeting over the concern of the selling and placement in stores of flavored cigars. Mr. Beauregard believes there is a risk factor with the teens after feedback from schools that have completed a survey to see if teens have an easy time purchasing these flavored cigars, or having a person over 18 purchase the cigars for them.

Right now a single sale flavored cigar sells for \$2.50 on average with the Community's around the Dracut area. A pack is \$5.00. The city of Methuen prohibits any flavor cigar sales. Lowell, North Andover, and Billerica has a minimum price for a single sale. Mr. Beauregard believes it is too easy for someone under 18 to purchase the cigars, with the Placement in the stores at the cash registers and the small price of one. Mr. Beauregard would like to see if the Board of Health can set some by laws for the flavored Cigars.

Chairperson Evan Themeles asked Mr. Beauregard to draft up something for the board to look at. Mr. Beauregard stated he will draft up a pricing policy and also include wording that would include to have new stores from now on, to only be able to sell the flavored cigars, within 500 feet of schools.

49 Cart Path Road:

Mr. Rousseau, the part time Health Inspector, explained that he has been going back and forth with complaints from a set neighbors on Cart Path Rd. The problem is dog feces that one of the neighbors is putting his dogs waste near the neighbor's fence, the neighbor is getting the smell, and believes the waste is being put on an easement on her property. This problem has been going on for months now with phone calls from Ivy Soberanis, who lives at 49 Cart Path Road. Nothing is satisfying her. She contacted the Board, the Town Manager, the Dog Officer and Town Council, James Hall.

Town Council actually sent a letter to Ivy stating, the Board of Health presently has no Jurisdiction to address this controversy any further.

It also stated this is now a civil dispute between neighbors. Even after this statement Ivy has not stopped calling the Board of Health and complaining.

Chairperson Evan Themeles asked Mr. Rousseau to try to talk to the neighbor with the dog to see if he can be reasonable and just put the dog feces somewhere else so Ivy will stop. Dr. Rousseau and Ms. Laffin will try to contact him to see what can be done to end this situation.

Pipeline:

Paul Enis made a motion that the Board of Health is in opposition of the pipeline and the Compression station that Kinder Morgan is proposing to bring to our community, based on numerous studies that have been done nationally that supports the health risks that pose a threat to our air, and water quality. Seconded by Lou Rousseau.

The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

December 3, 2015

Paul Enis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm, seconded by Evan Themeles, the motion passed unanimously.

Board of Health

Evan Themeles

Evan Themeles, Chairman

Louis R Rousseau

Louis R Rousseau, Vice Chairman

Paul Enis

Paul Enis, Clerk