

DRACUT BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes June 23, 2011
Dracut Fire Department, Conference Room
488 Pleasant Street
Dracut, MA 01826

Present: Evan Themeles, Chairman; Louis E. Rousseau, Vice Chairman; Paul Enis, Clerk, Thomas F. Bomil, Public Health Director.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Old Business:

Appointments: Vallerie King, MS, FNP-BC with U MA Lowell, Dept of Nursing regarding breast cancer was scheduled to go before the Board, did not show up.

Tobacco Control: Mr. Bomil informed Board that the Town Manager sent a memo to the Department Heads stating that he received complaints regarding smoking in the vicinity of the entrance to municipal buildings. Presently the Town Manager has put out his own directive until our Board passes a law that smoking of all tobacco products is hereby prohibited within fifteen feet of all doorways and windows to municipal buildings. This would include direct walkways leading to entrances and exits. The Manager also checked with Council and was told that he was in charge of all buildings, so basically he can do whatever he wants. Mr. Bomil states he also sent this to our Town Council, but Attorney Hall is on vacation until tomorrow, but should be hearing from him shortly. Mr. Bomil had a brief conversation with Attorney Hall approximately a month ago it sounded doable; I will get back to him.

Mr. Bomil invited Ron Beauregard representative from Healthy Communities to attend this meeting. Mr. Beauregard addressed the Board giving his input and felt this is also doable. Mr. Beauregard took a few notes that he wants to go over with the Board regarding his opinion with regards to regulations, using a guide line from regulations used by the City of Lowell. Mr. Beauregard went over these regulations with the Board and suggested changing some of the regulations that would apply to the Town of Dracut. Mr. Bomil explains we will have a public hearing which will be advertised in the paper. Mr. Bomil asked Mr. Beauregard is there an effective time date, Mr. Beauregard thinks 90 days but he will get the language on that and get back to us. The public meeting will be scheduled for August 4th.

Medication Disposal Drop off Box: Mr. Bomil explains to the Board that we will be receiving a Medication Disposal Drop off Box; presently it is not in yet, it will be set up at the Police Station. Residents will be able to bring their unwanted medications. Mr. Bomil explains that it will have to be regulated to a set time and a police officer has to be present.

District Incentive Grant Update: Mr. Bomil informs the Board that Christine Connolly, Lowell Public Health Nurse Manager is also on the committee regarding the grant for a nurse. Mr. Bomil explains we were approved for what is called the planning of it, now the towns are getting together which are Dracut, Tyngsboro, Tewksbury, Lowell and Chelmsford. What the

plan is to get the grant, after the planning stage, is we have to submit a plan on how this is going to work. There will be a nurse and Lowell will be the lead one because Lowell was the one that applied for the grant and Lowell will pay the benefits etc. The only thing that the nurse can do for Dracut is communicable diseases. The nurse will also have to go into the schools to talk about obesity and tobacco control which is a stipulation of the grant. Mr. Bomil comments that the meetings are going well, the only holdup is that not all town nurses are union nurses and now there is a discussion on what the nurse is going to get. (Dracut nurse is not a union position). Example: what if we have a case of TB next week in Dracut and this nurse is on vacation that week, don't know if the Lowell nurse can come and cover for her, where if it is a Dracut issue and the nurse has to go to Lowell, we will share the nurse with them. This is the only issue right now that could be an obstacle. Again the meetings are going well, we meet once a month, the next meeting is July 14th until September. Everything has to be submitted to the State by October 1st and we will hear about the grant sometime in November, with hopefully a January starting date.

Motion made by Evan Themeles to endorse contract for nurse.
Seconded by Louis E. Rousseau. Unanimous

New Business:

Victory Lane: Mr. Bomil informs the Board that there was a chemical release at Synthetic Labs. located at Victory Lane, that make soap products. Mr. Bomil further explains that he received a call from the Town Manager who happened to have a scanner on. In turn Mr. Bomil went to check out the problem. There were fumes and smoke in the air, the hazmat team was there and also the fire department, it was contained within the hour. They had a company come and clean it up and everything went fine.

Old Business:

91 Sesame Street: Mr. Bomil explains that he was there last Friday; everything is going fine and under control. I'm still doing bi-weekly reports to the Selectmen.

Minutes: Motion made by Evan Themeles to approve the minutes of March 3rd, 2011.
Seconded by Louis E. Rousseau . Unanimous

Motion made by Paul Enis to approve the minutes of April 28th, 2011.
Seconded by Louis E. Rousseau. Unanimous

Motion made by Paul Enis to approve the minutes of May 12th, 2011.
Seconded by Louis E. Rousseau. Unanimous

Next Board of Health Meeting: August 4, 2011

New Business:

Snack Shacks: Mr. Bomil explains we have the Snack Shack at Veteran's Park, also at Hovey and Monahan Field and Dracut High School. Every year a letter is sent when inspection is due. Last September/October I sent a letter to the Superintendent of Schools informing him that I not only need to inspect the Dracut High School Snack Shack but they also have to have people with a ServSafe Certificate. Mr. Bomil further states that he never got a response to the letter, so I did a follow up letter this past spring again to the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Scott, still no reply. Mr. Bomil explains that he cannot have them open that snack shack without the ServSafe Certification, the other snack shacks are all set with their ServSafe Certification. Evan Themeles suggests sending another notice and c.c. the School Committee. Paul Enis suggests making an appointment to see the Superintendent. Mr. Bomil will make an appointment with the Superintendent and will also send a letter.

Motion made by Paul Enis to adjourn meeting.

Seconded by Louis E. Rousseau . Unanimous

Meeting adjourned 5:40pm

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Evan Themeles, Chairman

Louis E. Rousseau, Vice Chairman

Paul Enis, Clerk

