

**Town of Middleton, Massachusetts
Board of Health**



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

November 7, 2012

The Middleton Board of Health held a public meeting on November 7, 2012 at the Flint Public Library (Meeting Room A), 4 South Main Street, Middleton, Massachusetts at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Robert Ambrefe, Chair
George Demeritt
John Goodwin
Paul Leblanc
Matthew Greenfield

Others Present:

Derek Fullerton, Public Health Director
Stacey Haynes, Recording secretary

Chairman Ambrefe opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2012

***MOTION:** Matthew Greenfield moved to accept the meeting minutes of August 15, 2012 as written. George Demeritt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.*

MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Mr. LeBlanc noted a correction that should be made in the first sentence of the variance request for 145 East Street. The property number was incorrectly listed as 1145 East Street and should be changed to 145 East Street.

Mr. Chairman also noted that the date in the statement, “Mr. Chairman announces that the minutes from the Regular Board of Health meeting held on September 19, 2012”, should be changed to August 15, 2012.

***MOTION:** George Demeritt moved to accept the meeting minutes following the necessary corrections. Matthew Greenfield seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.*

FLU VACCINATION SEASON 2012-2013 UPDATE INCLUDING VOTE & VAX

Mr. Fullerton announced that currently the health department has held three public flu clinics that were successful with good turnouts.

Public Health Nurse, Traci Mello has also vaccinated children at the Fuller Meadow and Howe-Manning Schools, as well as the staff at Masconomet Regional High School.

Ms. Mello is currently working on vaccinating the police and fire departments.

Mr. Fullerton also announced that the Vote & Vax held at the Fuller Meadow School during the Presidential Election went extremely well, and more than 50 residents received a flu shot when they went to vote.

MHOA PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT LETTER FOR BALLOT QUESTION #3

Mr. Fullerton stated that he drafted a letter for the President of the Massachusetts Health Officers Association regarding the issue of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. He has also emailed a copy of the letter to all members of the Board to keep them informed on the issue.

Mr. Fullerton explained to the Board that the State has not yet issued any regulations regarding dispensaries. This means there will be public health implications forthcoming; most important will be the permitting of the food based products to be sold at the dispensaries.

Mr. Fullerton has also sent a letter to the Zoning Officer and the Zoning By-law Committee in hopes to discuss a community plan of action, but has not yet received a response to date.

Mr. Fullerton informed the Board that there will be upcoming trainings and meetings regarding the matter and he will keep the Board updated.

ESSEX AGGIE/NORTH SHORE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL INVESTIGATION

Mr. Fullerton informed the Board about a situation regarding 6-8 (at present time) female students from both schools. Mr. Fullerton has been asked to keep the investigation a private matter at present, but felt it was necessary to inform the Board since it is a health issue. Mr. Fullerton will be attending a meeting regarding the investigation on November 16, 2012. The Board offers their assistance to Mr. Fullerton if needed.

FDA FOOD STANDARD 6

Mr. Fullerton announced that he has made some revisions to the draft of: *Town of Middleton Compliance and Enforcement Written Standard Operating Procedures for Out-of-Control Risk Factors or Interventions*. Mr. Fullerton will submit the final copy to the Board when he receives it.

SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM

Mr. Fullerton will be working for the Annual Sharps Collection at the Household Hazardous Waste Day on November 10, 2012, at Masconomet Regional High School. Mr. Fullerton has also signed a contract, along with Boxford and Topsfield, with a medical waste vendor to do ongoing sharps collection within the Health Departments.

Mr. Greenfield offers his assistance to Mr. Fullerton if needed as he has been trained by the U.S. DOT in Hazardous Waste Regulations, and is certified to sign the manifests.

MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL UNIT

Mr. Fullerton announced the Health Department has purchased a Medical Waste Disposal Unit for the Police Department. The unit will be located in the foyer of the new police station to receive expired/unused medicines.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEALTH TOPICS & BUSINESS

Mr. Fullerton will be attending an advanced soil class on November 8, 2012 in Georgetown. As part of the training, Mr. Fullerton will be hosting the soil testing in Middleton. The soil testing will be done at three sites on November 15, 2012. The sites are Pinnacle Hill, Town Common behind Memorial Hall, and at Old East Street.

Mr. Fullerton stated that there has been a recent increase of resident complaints and in the future would like to discuss the possibility of hiring someone part-time to assist with these issues.

Mr. Fullerton announced that the fiscal year 2014 is coming up and would like the Boards support in his budget requests, which will include the proposal of a new municipal vehicle to replace the antiquated 1998 vehicle.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular Board of Health meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2013.

ADJUOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business, Mr. Goodwin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Greenfield seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

***Stacey Haynes
Recording secretary***