

Chairperson Lynne Marchetti and Marlene Sanders, present.
Health Agent Elaine Wozny present.
Dr. David Driscoll not present.

Ms. Marchetti called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm, April 16, 2008, at the Police/Fire/Emergency Center, Martin Street, Essex.

Discussion: Public Health Nurse, Funding and upcoming Town Meeting

Ms. Marchetti discussed with the Board the issue of funding for the public health nurse position. The 9/07 request to fund the position for the last half of the fiscal year was voted down at the special town meeting, although the creation of the position was approved. This year's line item funding for the nurse position for 5 hours per week is recommended by the Finance Committee.

The public health nurse will be involved in emergency preparedness and will be able to offer a number of other services to the Essex community: blood pressure checks at the COA, outreach to the community, well child vaccination clinics before school starts or for summer camp attendees, home caregivers support and referral to specialized services, to name a few.

Ms. Sanders reminded the Board that at a recently attended meeting, John Auerbach, Commissioner for DPH, spoke and said that in case of an emergency, not to count on the state for any help, local cities and towns would be on their own. A community public health nurse would be available to help and to advise the town because we cannot depend on state and federal government assistance, specifically should the event be regional rather than localized.

Ms. Wozny indicated that the federal government, through the state, would provide push packs within 48 hours of an event, but local communities would have to set up emergency dispensing sites themselves.

Building Permit Applications & Occupancy Permits

Island Road, Hardy/Guerin, Map 22, Lot 16: John Guerin in attendance, re: Hardy's Island Road property, demolition of buildings, chicken barns and miscellaneous outbuildings. Duncan Tree and Landscape will be doing the demolition. Dynamic Trucking will supply 100 yard trailer trucks that will be bought in, filled, material covered and transported to one of three available burning facilities depending on cost at the time the trucks are filled and ready to go.

RE: the on-site hygienist, the material is considered a nuisance dust rather than a hazardous material so that the hygienist is not required to be on site unless requested or in case an unexpected situation arose. Ms. Wozny requested that the hygienist come to the site at the start of the demolition to make sure the workers are in safety compliance with another, one, or two random checks during the duration of week the work is expected to take. Written as per EPA and State regulations, the Safety Protocol to be used at Hardy Farm was received, reviewed and discussed with the Board. Mr. Guerin will make the necessary changes to the Safety Protocol and email the revised version to Ms. Wozny.

Ten days before the works begin, a notice will be sent by Mr. Guerin to the State and cc to the BOH. Ms. Wozny endorsed the demolition permit application, as previously approved by the Board.

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

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Meeting Adjourned: 5:12 pm

Next BOH meeting: 4/24/08

Prepared by _____
Ann White

Attested by _____
Marlene Sanders, Board of Health Clerk