

Board Meeting.....February 2, 2016.....12:00 noon

Board Members Present: Dr. Bruce E. Bodner, Acting Chairman
Dr. Joseph F. Nates, Board Member
Dr. Thaddeus A. Figlock, Chairman, Absent

Staff Present: Heather L. Gallant, Exec. Director, Adam Vickstrom, Assistant Exec. Director,
Kevin Duquette, Environmental Compliance Officer, Henry Tartaglia, Daniel
Ross, Jessica Ferreira, Daniel Syriala and Kendra Motta.
Kathleen Driscoll, Public Health Nurse and Lillian Tetreault, Part-time Public
Health Nurse, absent.

Motion: By Dr. Nates for approval of the minutes from the January Monthly Board
Meeting. Seconded: By Dr. Bodner. All in favor.

Sanitary Inspectors Monthly Reports:

Henry Tartaglia, Sanitary Inspector submitted his monthly report for review. Mr. Tartaglia reported everything has been going ok; nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Jessica Ferreira, Sanitary Inspector submitted her monthly report for review. Ms. Ferreira reported she had a total of (43) food inspections for the month. An inspection was done at Regal Cinemas at the Galleria Mall due to remodeling there. There was an issue at Rianna’s on Cedar Street because they did not comply with a second containment for the FOG Regulations. She issued a Cease and Desist Order on the Deli. They are going to be getting a plumber to do the required work; we received a receipt from them confirming this work will be done by the end of this month. Another inspection will be done when it is completed to make sure they have complied.

Daniel Ross, Sanitary Inspector submitted his monthly report for review. Mr. Ross reported there was one new Lead Paint case last month. He has been working on a nuisance property that has been ongoing since last summer. The City Solicitor and the bank that holds the mortgage were working along with us to track down the owner and get things taken care of. This property was at 542 Bay Street, a three family home. Cooperation was made. Mr. Ross did a total of (50) inspections for the month.

Daniel Syriala, Sanitary Inspector submitted his monthly report for review. Mr. Syriala reported things have been pretty steady for this time of the year in terms of septic inspections. Most of the septic trucks have been inspected for this coming year.

Dr. Bodner questioned how many streets may be able to hook up to City sewer in the future; if there was a list of streets? The Department of Public Works had given us a list/an area map of some streets that would be most beneficial to expand the City Sewer System. There is the possibility of expanding the City Sewer in the future.

Lillian Tetreault, Part-time Public Health Nurse, submitted her report for review. The Executive Director summarized her monthly report in her absence. Ms. Tetreault was working with the Police Department and the Fire Department in coordinating and scheduling additional Flu Clinics with them. She also held a Blood Pressure Clinic at the Community Table in Whittenton on Bay Street. The Board of Health is

trying to get more proactive in scheduling more Blood Pressure Clinics. She has been attending several meetings; she became certified in Mental Health First Aid after attending an eight hour training. She has been participating in a lot of different things.

Kathleen Driscoll, Public Health Nurse submitted her monthly report for review. She has been doing the follow up work on the Communicable Disease Reporting's; monitoring the Maven information with calling the people, patients, and the doctors.

Included in Ms. Driscoll's report, she has been working on the Medicare Application for billing reimbursement for the elderly for the flu shots. It has been a long process.

Dr. Nates suggested for next year we should limit the flu shots to only the people who do not have any insurance. Most people have insurance and get the flu shots at their primary care physician and it is also offered at Pharmacies. We ended up with a lot of flu vaccine left over.

The Director reported the State is not supplying us with the vaccine. The Board of Health was purchasing the vaccine and billing for it for the people who had insurance. We have a fair amount of vaccine left over.

The Board will give this some thought and have further discussion and review.

Adam Vickstrom, Assistant Executive Director submitted his monthly report for review. Mr. Vickstrom reported they were able to dismiss the Lead Paint Court Case on the property at Purchase Street. They complied with everything that they had to do. This took two and half years.

He reported he is going to be refiling with another Lead Paint Case that himself and Daniel Syriala went out on for an inspection. It is a multi-family home that has lead paint with children residing there under the age of six. At this time, we are not aware that any of the children are affected. The owner currently has the property for sale. The tenant on the 1st floor was interested in purchasing the property and therefore, had a home inspection done. During this home inspection, a lead paint analysis was done and it was positive. A general complaint was filed with the Board of Health. The Board of Health did a lead paint determination and found lead paint on the first floor and in common areas. The sale of the property can go through as long as the new owner assumes the responsibility for the removal. The owner does have the Order to Correct. The owner has sixty days to correct and if the owner doesn't respond to the Board of Health, we would file with the Court. We could condemn the building/property if anything goes uncorrected for over a certain amount of time. The property is on Fourth Street. As long as there are children residing there during the inspection and issue the order, they are are required to delead.

Mr. Vickstrom reported he is still permitting/licensing some Septic System Installers.

Heather Gallant, Executive Director submitted her monthly report for review. Ms. Gallant did not have anything out of the ordinary to report. She attended several meetings. She attended a couple of new meetings such as the Health and Medical Coordinating Coalition which is a new entity that is just starting getting some ground in the State. It encompasses a way to deliver better health services to communities. It involves community health centers, hospitals, nursing homes, public health and emergency medical services such as public and private ambulance services. This is coordinating and preparedness in the event of any major emergencies.

Ms. Gallant reported she also attended a TEMA Exercise which FEMA oversees. We participate because we are a host community. In November, there will be a graded exercise. It was a discussion and walk thru on everyone's responsibilities.

Ms. Gallant and Jessica Ferreira attended the Mass in Motion Meeting at the YMCA which is a grant that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health put out and several communities applied for it. The Mayor's Office and the YMCA's staff are collaborating on that. It is basically, finding more ways to get people to be more active, make better choices food wise and exercise wise. They are trying to keep up the Farmer's Markets in the community for people to have access to fresh produce.

Attended the Taunton Opiate Task Force Meeting:

The Executive Director reported that Lillian Tetreault, the Part-time Public Health Nurse, has also been attending these meetings. They are trying to cut down on the Opiate abuse in getting physicians involved and training involved and also the approach on awareness on how to recognize signs in family members and friends with addiction issues. They are also doing a NARCAN training next week. All kinds of entities attend these meetings, Police, Fire, the Mayor, Human Services, etc.

Old Business:

a. Taunton Sanitary Landfill - Update

Kevin Duquette, Environmental Compliance Officer submitted his monthly report for review. Mr. Duquette did not have anything to report for the Landfill; no issues, no complaints received.

a. Waste Management

Mr. Peter Richer, present:

Waste Management received a certificate from MEPA (Mass. Environmental Protection Agency) that no ENF (Environmental Notification Form) is required and that was submitted to the DEP. They then submitted their application to the DEP for a Site Assignment Modification. They are reviewing that now. The next step, they will issue a Certificate of Completeness and assume they will make a decision that is suitable and then that decision will come to the Board of Health. When you go for an expansion or a change in the landfill operation, you have to approach MEPA. You file a notice of project change with MEPA and they have to approve it. This is not changing any of the conditions at the Landfill; it is just changing the elevation of it. It doesn't change the daily tonnage; it doesn't change any other impacts.

Dr. Nates questioned if the financial agreement between Waste Management and the City has been approved? Mr. Richer reported that it has been signed and approved. It was voted on by the City Council and the Mayor signed it towards the end of October.

Dr. Nates questioned if this will take any effect of any of the recycling? There are some minor effects that will affect the recycling drop off. It is not going to change how they operate it now. We Care will take care of certain things. The City will be dealing with the yard waste. Because of the limited room there, it is going to be going off-site. It won't change the drop off area.

Once DEP approves it, there is a prescribed timeframe. Once they issue the decision, they have thirty days to hold a Public Hearing and have to public notice it in the paper twenty one days prior. This is for another forty feet. They survey the height twice a year. Waste Management pays the cost for everything; the fees for the Hearing Officer. If the invoices come to the Board of Health, we will send them to Waste Management and they will pay them directly. Dr. Nates requested for Attorney Michael Scott to be contacted (to represent us).

b. Fortistar

Mr. Paul Gagnon, present.

Nothing new to report.

B. Western Bristol County & Foxborough Tobacco & Alcohol Prevention – Update
Ms. Marilyn Edge, present.

There is a communication enclosed in the Board's packet for review from Christy Fedor, from the State, that went out to all Boards of Health explaining why there was a change in the FDA. It is what the Board approved at the last month's meeting, adding the language, one sentence in the regulation allowing the FDA Inspectors to be authorized agents of the Board.

Dr. Nates questioned Ms. Edge if the Board has the power to ban the sale of tobacco in the City of Taunton? Ms. Edge stated yes, they could try it. It would require a public hearing. The only community in Massachusetts that tried it was Winchester and it didn't go well.

Ms. Edge reported it is still in conference committee for the second year in a row. It has been filed to raise the age to twenty one for tobacco sales.

The new proposed State Law is to raise the age to twenty one for tobacco sales and to do pharmacy bans of tobacco sales across the State because three quarters of the State has already done it through their Boards of Health. Also, to ban Blunt Wraps statewide, permit capping statewide which is to limit the amount of permits or licensing over and above what you already have to sell tobacco products so that no other permits are allowed.

c. Medical Marijuana – Update

The Executive Director has no updates on Medical Marijuana

New Business:

a. Update regarding New England Recycling's application for a proposed Solid Waste Transfer Station at 101 Prince Henry Drive. Also, to possibly set a hearing date for the same depending on MA DEP's decision on the application.

The Executive Director reported approximately a year ago they came before the Board to show their proposal for a Solid Waste Transfer Station in the Industrial Park at Prince Henry Drive. They have applied to DEP a few times and submitted some supplemental material. The State will be making a decision by Friday of this week because they have submitted everything that the State required for their application. For this facility, the Board would need to hold a hearing. The thirty day timeframe applies to this as well. The Executive Director is suggesting for the Board to set up a hearing date. This would be a Solid Waste Transfer Station.

Once the Executive Director receives the ok from the State, she can set up the hearing to be held at 1:00 immediately following the next monthly Board Meeting. Dr. Nates would like the Executive Director to notify the City Solicitor's Office to have them sit in on the meeting so that it is legally covered and representing us. Also, make sure that the Board Members are here in its entirety.

Dr. Nates questioned Mr. Richer regarding Water Solutions on Mozzone Boulevard whether we get solid waste from them and if it is liquid form or solid form? It is solid form. It is transferred in open containers. Dr. Nates would like to send a letter to DPW to the Sewer Dept. asking that we know longer receive their sludge or sewer materials in liquid form. It has to be in a semi solid form with no odor. Dr.

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Bodner stated we can ask them if there is a feasibility of this request. Dr. Nates requested Kevin Duquette to send the letter to DPW and he will review it.

Communications:

a. Financial Statement:

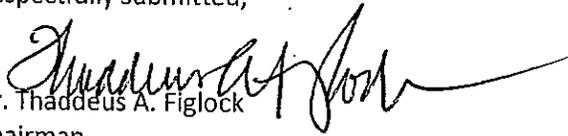
The Financial Statement is enclosed for last month for the Board's review. Also, all the Financial Statements are enclosed for FY14-15 for the Board's review per the previous request of the Board.

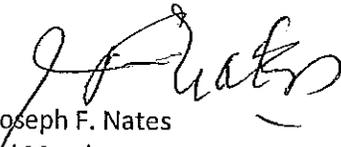
Schedule Next Monthly Board Meeting:

The next scheduled monthly Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st at 12:00 noon.

Motion: By Dr. Nates for adjournment of the meeting. **Seconded:** By Dr. Bodner.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Thaddeus A. Figlock
Chairman


Dr. Joseph F. Nates
Board Member


Dr. Bruce E. Bodner
Board Member