

Longmeadow Board of Health Minutes of Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2007 8:00P.M. Longmeadow Fire Dept. Community Rm.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:00P.M. with the following members in attendance: Dr. Robert Rappaport, Dr/ Barry Izenstein, Dr. Richard Steingart, and Dr. Michael Coppola. MaryPat Toye, M.S., R.N. was excused (she was out of the country).

Other individuals in attendance were: Dr. George Krol and Eleanor Stolar, both Longmeadow residents.

1. Public Comment Period – Dr. Krol spoke against fluoridation of the town water supply. His general presentation was curtailed when he exceeded the allotted time for speakers. He was allowed by the Chair to continue speaking in order to provide new information in regard to fluoride and infant formula. Mrs. Stolar did not make a presentation but indicated her support for the presentation made by Dr. Krol.
2. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Dec. 4, 2006 meeting as presented.
3. The Board unanimously approved the appointment of the new Town Clerk Kathryn Ingram as a Burial Agent.
4. Regulation to Ban Outdoor Wood Boilers: The Board unanimously approved the regulation with the following amendments to the text approved at the Dec. 4, 2006 meeting:
 - Substitution of the regulatory authority from Chapter 111 Section 31 to Chapter 111 Sec. 31C (to provide stronger enforcement authority)
 - Addition of a definition section (avoid ambiguity re: devices that are enforceable under this regulation)
 - Addition of the term “outdoor wood furnace”, another name by which outdoor wood boilers are identified (also to avoid ambiguity)

The Board requested that one of the versions of the regulation be made effective ((i.e. by publication) immediately during the DEP Review Period (as required by the aforementioned statutory provision). The Health Director was asked to contact Town Counsel to get advice and assistance with this matter.

5. The Board reviewed Food Service Licensee Implementation Plans to the Board of Health Grease Regulation approved last spring. All licensees have submitted plans with the exception of Li's Brothers. The Board directed the Health Director to notify Li's Brothers that it must submit an acceptable plan as soon as possible; it will be required to have a grease interceptor installed and in operation on or before the effective date of the regulation, July 1, 2008.

The Board unanimously voted to grant variances for compliance to the provisions of the Grease Regulations as recorded in the attached chart.
6. The Board reviewed the documentation provided by Dr. Krol regarding fluoridation. Board members discussed their continued support of community fluoridation.

The Board also reviewed newly posted advisories on the ADA and CDC websites, which suggest that formula for infants under 1 year of age whose **primary source of nutrition is infant formula** be reconstituted only with non-fluoridated water. The Board unanimously voted to issue a press release informing parents regarding these advisories. These advisories and a copy of the press release will be provided to area pediatricians prior to the release of press release to the media so that the pediatricians

will be able to appropriately respond to inquiries from parents. The press release will also be provided to Town dentists, day care centers, and the Children's Rm. at Storrs Library.

The members reiterated on-going support for the fluoridation program.

The Health Director has already contacted MDPH and CDC for their positions regarding these advisories but has not received a response. She was directed to pursue a response by these agencies.

Dr. Krol expressed support of the Board's action to publicize these advisories.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Rappaport, D.M.D.
Chair