

**Minutes of Meeting of the Longmeadow Board of Health
Longmeadow Fire Station Community Rm.
12-4-06**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM. The members in attendance were: Drs. Robert Rappaport, Michael Coppolla, Richard Steingart and Barry Izenstein; Maripat Toye, R.N. was excused. Also in attendance were Beverly Hirschhorn, Health Director and the following members of the public: Curt Freedman, P.E., Ann Scibelli, Eleanor Stolar (all three being residents of Longmeadow) and Joseph Tumidajfewicz and Janet Sinclair (non-residents).

1- Public comment period-Eleanor Stolar presented list of questions to the board. It appears that most if not all of the items have been discussed previously. The Board will review her letter. Should any of the questions require a response that differs from the response given previously, it will be provided to Eleanor as soon as time permits.

2 The Board members present voted to accept the minutes of the previous meeting (4-0 in favor).

3 Curt Freedman made a presentation in regard to the health risks associated with wood burning boilers. Board reviewed his and other information and voted 4-0 to ban these devices in Town immediately. The wording of the motion read as follows:

“Pursuant to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 11, Sec. 31, the Town of Longmeadow Board of Health hereby prohibits the use, installation and maintenance of all outdoor wood boilers within the Town of Longmeadow.

Further, the Board of Health will allow a thirty-day period to allow those Town residents who possess such devices time to dismantle the devices and cease their operation.”

The regulation is effective upon publication.

The wording of the regulation and the statutory authority cited is subject to review by town counsel.

4. The Board voted 4-0 to approve a variance from the educational requirement provision of the local massage regulation. and grant the applicant a local license as a massage operator. The applicant successfully demonstrated that she has enough credits from the academic program in massage therapy from which she has graduated combined with current job experience/continuing education courses to allow a variance from the section of academic credit hours requirement in the local regulation to warrant approval (the applicant was only deficient to this provision) of the variance.

5 The Board reviewed the current fee schedule in effect since July, 2004 and revised the license/fee schedule effective July 1, 2007; the increase in the fees reflect, among other reasons, added time requirements for health inspector, as well as other increases in town budgets

6. The Board discussed and approved the request by Amtrak to spray right of way for poison ivy.

The Board did not want to give blanket approval for all future right-of-way spraying requests even if the products proposed for use are on the state's approved list and the spraying meets "reasonable" distance requirements from wetlands and private water supply sources. The BOH wants to look at these requests on a case-by-case basis (re: who, what and where basis). The Board also wants to receive information from the requesting agency as to whether other means (e.g. manual cutting) to eradicate the problem can be utilized.

7. The BOH discussed implementation of grease regulations. There will be a need to come up with a plan to discuss possible requests for variances. Some of this might be better determined with the help of DPW or the Water and Sewer Depts.

8. In the course of a recent compliance check, Schott's Mobil violated the Longmeadow BOH regulation /state statute (re: sale to minor) – the 4th violation ⁱⁿ 2 years; however, this is 1st violation since the amended regs. became effective in July 2006. The Board would like the effective date of the amended reg. to become the beginning of the tolling period (thereby reducing the penalty to be imposed). The Board directed the Health Director to clarify this issue with Town Counsel.

At 8:55 P.M. the Board voted to adjourn the regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss elder services issue.

Respectfully submitted

Robert H. Rappaport, D.M.D., Chairman