

MINUTES
LONGMEADOW BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Monday, March 6, 2006, 7:30P.M., Longmeadow Fire Station Community Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Dr. Robert Rappaport, Chair.
BOH members present were: Maripat Toye, Dr. Barry Izenstein and Dr. Robert Rappaport.
Beverly Hirschhorn, CHO, Longmeadow Health Director, was also present.

- I. Public comment was taken at the beginning of this meeting.
Eleanor Stolar, Longmeadow resident, spoke on her concerns about the fluoride in the Longmeadow town water. She stated that the Massachusetts House Committee noted that the legislative motion to require mandated fluoride in water of cities and towns of populations over 5000, was defeated in committee.
- II. The minutes of the regular BOH meeting of January 30, 2006 were unanimously approved and accepted without amendment.
- III. Old Business: An update of the Longmeadow High School Pool anti-vortex covers for drains was given by Beverly Hirschhorn. The LHS maintenance cannot locate an approved cover for these pool drains. The Director of the Division of Community Sanitation from MA. DPH, Stephen Hughes, is evaluating the situation and will make a decision regarding the status of this situation and how to proceed. There is also need at the LHS to repair hinges on doors for the LHS locker rooms.
- IV. New Business:
 - A. Regulation amendment on the sale of tobacco products was reviewed and discussed by the BOH. The BOH made specific recommendations for this policy and will incorporate these into the new rules and regulations. The BOH members voted unanimously in favor of these newly reformatted regulations. The final wording will be voted on at the next meeting.
 - B. Promulgating the new regulations on the installation and maintenance of grease traps in food service establishments in Longmeadow was reviewed by the BOH. The town manager suggested a regulation be in place regarding food trap grease regulations for the town. A new policy was drafted and voted on by the members of the BOH. The BOH members voted unanimously in favor of the regulation on the guidelines for the installation and maintenance of grease traps in food service and establishments for the town of Longmeadow. Beverly Hirschhorn will work on final wording for the next meeting.
 - C. Update on emergency "Pandemic" planning for Longmeadow was discussed. At issue are having a Continuity of Operation Plan (COOP) and emergency personnel contact (EPC) list and formation of a Reserve Medical Corps (RMC) for Emergency Preparedness information and documentation files. The Town Manager is the Information Director for the town of Longmeadow Emergency Preparedness. Some of the action items are: to have a list of vulnerable elderly who may need supports in the event of an emergency, to publicize and recruit medical personnel who are qualified and available for a town emergency or pandemic situation, and make plans to provide education and training on emergency preparedness to potential medical volunteers. The BOH and CHO will work on these action items.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Maripat Toye, RN, MS Longmeadow BOH