

MINUTES
LONGMEADOW BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Monday, September 25, 2006, 7:30P.M., Longmeadow Community House (Auditorium)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Dr. Robert Rappaport, Chair.

BOH members present were: Maripat Toye, RN, MS, Dr. Michael Coppola, Dr. Richard Steingart and Dr. Robert Rappaport. Beverly Hirschhorn, CHO, Longmeadow Health Director, was also present.

- I. Public comment was taken at the beginning of this meeting.
 - A. Eleanor Stolar, Longmeadow resident, spoke on articles and updates she read regarding Fluoride in the water of communities around the country. She reported on Del Rio, CA., Tennessee and New York State. She will provide copies of these articles for the BOH.
 - B. Kurt Freidman, Longmeadow resident, reported on his concerns regarding the effect of outdoor wood burning devices and air quality effects within the community. He has provided the BOH with information and articles from North East States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM). He suggests limits upon recreational burning and wood heat burning. He proposes the BOH establish an Air Quality Council to advise the BOH on matters related to this issue. Speaker Joe Tumidajewicz, resident of Chicopee, MA., and Virginia Bailey-Brown, resident of Shutesbury, MA. spoke to this issue expressing concerns for the negative environmental and health effects of outdoor wood burning. The BOH will review the information provided in the public comment session.
- II. The minutes of the BOH meetings of May 1, 2006 and May 31, 2006 were unanimously approved and accepted.
- III. The BOH reviewed the request from the Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) School of nursing to utilize the Longmeadow BOH Flu Clinic as a clinical training site for the STCC nursing students. Upon discussion and with the approval of the Medical Director of the BOH Immunization Program (Dr. Steingart) and approval from the Town Manager and counsel, and with the nursing students under the supervision of the licensed clinical nursing instructors, the BOH approved this proposal to be negotiated through the written Memorandum of Understanding attesting to the school's provision of liability insurance to cover students engaging in clinical activities.
- IV. The vote to approve the request by the Town Manager to increase BOH fees was waived at this meeting for the BOH members to further review the detailed fee listing and increases.
- V. Septic System repair at 1492 Longmeadow Street.

The present plan is not in conformance with Title V. Health director has assessed and reviewed this case and the plans in detail, and requests to impose the requirement of submission of results of additional witnessed perc tests as a basis for designing a plan. Based on the information provided to the BOH by the owner, the BOH cannot approve the owners proposed plan and will forward a letter to the owner for more information and proof of acceptable perc test levels before approving any Septic system repairs at this location. The BOH unanimously rejected this request for Septic System repair at 1492 Longmeadow Street until more information is provided to the BOH.

VI. Health Director's Report

- A. Overview of the Transfer Station provided by the Health Director.
- B. Flu Clinic-Fewer doses allocated this year; priority category subjects will be given first based on CDC recommendations of most at-risk groups. Flu Clinic will be October 12, 2006.
- C. Pneumonia clinic was held and was well attended.
- D. Town Grease Regulation voted upon in the spring by the BOH becomes effective October, 2006. Plans from town business' are coming in for review to the BOH Director.
- E. Tb Update- Cases of TB have been identified and followed up appropriately. Individuals are under care and treatment as per CDC recommendations for Tb.
- F. West Nile Virus-Two birds were found positive for West Nile Virus-none have been found in Longmeadow to date.
- G. Dunkin Donut Sewer System issue-This business has had repeated problems with their septic system and conflicting reports of the problems with their system. They have not responded to repeated attempts by the BOH inquiring as to the extent of the problems. The BOH will send another letter in regards to the suspension of this business' license if non-compliance to follow up of this improperly functioning septic system is not corrected.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Maripat Toye, RN, MS Longmeadow BOH