



Town of Boxford
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Health

May 18, 2016

Present: Richard Fahrner, Alex Constan, Richard Taylor, Hans Jeppesen,
Kendell Longo, Kristin Kwiatek

Absent: Heather Forand

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM by Hans Jeppesen

Announcements, Minutes, and Bills

- May 23 and 24, 2016 Large Metal Item Pick-Up Day.
Flu Clinic September 21, 2016.
D. Taylor announced that the Food and Drug Administration approved a Zika diagnostic test that can detect the virus in a urine sample within two weeks of infection.
- Minutes were reviewed from the April 25, 2016 meeting. **Motion** by **D. Taylor** to approve the minutes, seconded by **R. Fahrner**, approved **unanimously**.
- Bills were reviewed and signed.

Review of The Visiting Nurse Association contract postponed to the next Board of Health meeting.

H. Jeppesen signed the Rite Aid contract.

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Crumb Rubber Analysis

D. Taylor described the packaging of the crumb rubber that was brought into Boxford. The material had been double packed, put on a pallet, and was then put on a tarp to avoid any possibility of contamination. Analysis should be back in about one week.

Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control

D. Taylor asked the Board to look at the current protocol response to an Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus finding in the town. **D. Taylor** wanted to make sure that The Board agreed with the protocol response. **K. Longo** stated that the mosquito spraying typically begins in June. **H. Jeppesen** read aloud that the Health Agent, Kendell Longo would be notified by the Department of Public Health by Friday of each week with any positive test results. **K. Longo** put in a request at the annual Town meeting to announce positive test results earlier in the week and the Town is working with the State for such a change. **R. Fahrner** explained the process of how the town is notified of mosquito spraying. **H. Jeppesen** continued to read aloud the protocol response to a positive mosquito pool in Boxford and the Board makes agreed upon changes. **D. Taylor** stated what will be done if there is a decision for road side spraying. **K. Longo** explained how Boxford communications activates a reverse 911 and can select who to be notified. The Board discussed when the West Nile Virus tends to peak. **R. Fahrner** mentioned in the past, The Town voted not to spray when the last mosquito pool of the season came back positive for The West Nile Virus because there was nothing else in the area and the weather was starting to get cold. **D. Taylor** stated when The West Nile Virus first broke out in The United States it was in The North East and there were a lot of cases and fatalities. Then two things happened, the virus moved West and the number of fatalities and serious cases plummeted.

D. Taylor discussed the email from Mary Duggan the Executive Director of The Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetland Management District. The Board was requesting detailed information on what services would be provided to the Town for the money that is paid. However the Email does not state such information. **H. Jeppesen** asked that Mary Duggan be contacted and ask for a detailed plan on what services will be provided.

H. Jeppesen asked for a description of the difference between Zenivex and Duet. **A. Constan** stated that Zenivex is a better product to be used by the Town. **D. Taylor** stated that Zenivex is much less toxic to bees, which is very important to the residents in the town.

Reorganization of the Board

D. Taylor nominated **H. Jeppesen** as Chairman, seconded by **R. Fahrner**, approved **unanimously**.

H. Jeppesen nominated **D. Taylor** as Vice Chair, seconded by **A. Constan**, approved **unanimously**.

Adjourn 8:40

The Board agreed for the next meeting date to be determined and with no further business, on a **motion** made by **D. Taylor**, seconded by **R. Fahrner**, the Board voted **unanimously** to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Kwiatek
Minutes Secretary

