

THE FOLLOWING MEETING WAS NEITHER AUDIOTAPED NOR VIDEORECORDED.

BOARD OF HEALTH

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2013, 1:0'clock P.M.

TOWN HALL HEARINGS ROOM

Chairman Thomas J. Pires convened a special meeting of the Board of Health in the Town Hall Hearings Room at 1:0'clock P.M. on Tuesday, 10 September 2013. Present were Board of Health members Dean V. Cronin and Patrick W. Menges; dog restraining order violation fine appellant Scott Canning of Wheeler Street; Animal Control Officer Stacey Ferry; and Emergency Preparedness (Epiemic) Coordinator Amy Palmer.

The Board heard an appeal by Scott Canning of a \$25.00 citation issued by Animal Control Officer Stacy Ferry at the direction of Mr. Cronin. Photographic evidence that had been supposed to show that Mr. Canning's dog had defecated in Annette Tweedy's hayfield on 22 August 2013 was dark and inconclusive. The clerk of the Board telephoned Mrs. Tweedy while the hearing was in progress and reported to the Board that she agreed that the Board might well vacate the citation on this occasion. The Board voted to vacate the citation. The sixty (60) day restraining order against Mr. Canning's dog will expire on 16 September. The motion to vacate the citation was made by Mr. Cronin, and seconded by Mr. Menges, and passed unanimously.

The Board voted on a motion of Mr. Menges, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to send a letter to the owners of Hillcrest Estates subdivision where the Fire Department hastwice recently responded to reports of children in peril playing at an unfenced above ground detention pond. The stormwater by-law is silent on the score of fencing, but fencing of above ground detention ponds is required by the Board's 2004 regulation governing them as a public health matter. The letter will be readied for the Board's signature at its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, 11 September.

Emergency Preparedness Director Amy Palmer (Epidemics) reviewed with the Board of Health in detail her annual Technical Assistance Review ("TAR") of Dighton's emergency preparedness. She recommended more EBR barriers for quick dispensing of vaccines in case of an epidemic. For Dighton's Emergency Response Director, Fire Chief Antone P. Roderick, Jr., Amy Palmer specifically recommended:

- (1) A written Memorandum of Agreement covering evacuation shelter use of the Dighton-Rehoboth Region public schools.

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- (2) Town vehicle with driver, dispenser, and security, for alternative dispensing.
- (3) Volunteer Management Program/MRC (Medical Reserve Corps)
- (4) Quarterly test of Redundant Communications: Amateur HAM Radio ("See Jimmy Varley.") and (cost prohibitive) satellite telephone communications.
- (5) Unmanned telephone hotline for town of Dighton.
- (6) Identify behavioral problems/at risk population in advance.
- (7) Have a town doctor or behavioral specialist for emergency dispensing site

The Board of Health adjourned without day at 2:25 o'clock P>M>


Patrick W. Menges

Clerk of the Board of Health