



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

March 24, 2015 – 6:30 PM
Rockport Town Hall Annex

Present: Board members Dr. Sydney Wedmore, Dr. Russell Sandfield, Dr. Sydney Jimenez, Health Agent Leslie Whelan, and Secretary/Clerk Marianne Peters. Also present were Wanda Visnick, John Fisher, D.D.S., (Community Concern/Fluoride) Michael Polisson (for 29 Jerden's Lane).

6:30 PM: Meeting called to order.

Minutes of February 3, 2014 meeting: Dr. Wedmore moved to accept; Dr. Sandfield seconded and it was voted unanimously to approve.

Community Concerns: Wanda Visnick (resident, 40 Jerden's Lane) presented information to the Board members regarding the importance of fluoridation of the Town's Water Supply (in addition to the naturally occurring fluoride) and asked the board members if they support the continuation of the Town's effort with respect to fluoride. She, along with John Fisher, D.D.S., (a local dentist and proponent of the benefits of fluoride), asked if the board could hold/host a public forum to help educate the townspeople on the benefits of fluoride. The board members agreed to host an evening event with discussion on fluoride. Potential panelists of local professionals and organizations with expertise, knowledge, or a background in fluoride were discussed.

Saratoga Creek & Sawmill Brook - Update:

Discussion about ongoing issues with respect to possible pollution/possible septage in the brook and the other areas in the south end of town. The board members advised Health Agent Leslie Whelan to continue to surveil the issue and report on findings. Discussion about septage haulers needing to be more diligent in their reporting of information and pump records getting to the Board of Health in a timely manner; Board of Health is to be notified no later than 14 days after pumpouts or issues/findings.

29 Jerden's Lane – Update:

Michael Polisson (of 5B Poole's Terrace) inquired as to status of housing violations on 29 Jerden's Lane; daughter was the tenant at time of violations (December 2014) which included water issues/broken well pump. Dr. Wedmore advised Health Agent that a reinspection must be before the dwelling is reoccupied by anyone.

Next Meeting Date: April 28, 2015

7:40 PM Meeting Adjourned.