

**Minutes  
Board of Health  
March 24, 2015**

**Attendees:**

Chairperson Teresa Dean calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Also in attendance is Secretary John Scullin, Public Health Nurse Peg Drummey and Health Agent John Fralick.

**Nurses Report:**

**Blood Pressure: February**

The monthly BP clinic was canceled due to inclement weather. Two residents were seen at the Board of Health for a walk-in Blood Pressure check.

**Communicables:**

Influenza 33, Giardia 1, Lyme disease 1, Campylobacter 1, Hepatitis B 1, Hepatitis C 1.

**Immunizations:** PPD's planted and read at The Arbors 11, PPD planted and read at Board of Health 3, Pneumovax 23, B12 home visits 3, and B12 office visits 1, Tdap 1.

**Other:** A pace maker check was done at The Fuller House. The Public Health Nurse followed up with two positive PPD's at the Arbors. Ms. Drummey dropped off and picked up forms for MIIS and standing orders for PPD. She enrolled for 2015-2016 vaccine through MIIS. Ms. Drummey changed the dressing and assessed the right hand of Town employee. On 2/13/15 she attended the Public Health Nurses meeting in Tewksbury regarding Pneumovax 23 & 13.

911 was called regarding a fall down stairs by resident. A follow up call was made and it was learned the resident was admitted to Winchester Hospital and surgery scheduled 2/12/15 for broken ankle.

The student from Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences began her practicum re public health.

Ms. Drummey submitted the monthly column "Ask A Nurse" for the SSC' Sentinel. This month's topic is re Congestive Heart Failure.

**Plan:** Ms. Drummey plans to continue entering data into the MIIS, to continue working on the Annual Report and to continue to give a meaningful experience to the MCPHS student.

Mr. Scullin moves to accept the nurse's report for the month of February. Chairwoman Dean seconds the motion and it passes with all in favor.

**Blood Pressure: March**

The monthly Blood Pressure clinic was held at the Stoneham Senior Center on 3/3/15. Ten residents were seen. Two residents were seen at the Board of Health for a walk-in Blood Pressure.

**Communicables:** Cryptosporidium 1, Shigellosis 1, Hepatitis B 1, Hepatitis C 1, Lyme disease 1, Influenza 10,

\*Suspect Viral Hemorrhagic Fever (Ebola) 2

Residents will self-monitor temps twice a day x 30 days and email results to Department of Public Health.

**Immunizations:** Hepatitis B2, B12 home visits 2, B12 office visits 1, Tdap 5, PPD's 3

**Other:** The Public Health Nurse reviewed Department of Public Health guidelines for Long Term Care with The Arbors regarding the Norovirus outbreak.

Ms. Drummey checked the expiration dates on the AED pads at the Town Hall, Senior Center, Library and the Arena. New pads were ordered for the Arena and were charged to that facility.

All flu forms were entered into the MA Immunization System and are completed.

The Student from MCP & HS has completed her practicum.

A letter was written to the Stockwell Foundation regarding a request for funds for the flu vaccine. Ms. Drummey attended a Red Cross meeting regarding the Stoneham Strong Blood Drive to be held April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the First Congregational Church. A column was written for the Senior Center Sentinel "Ask A Nurse" regarding hypertension. On 03/13/2015, Ms. Drummey attended the monthly meeting of Public Health Nurses in Tewksbury. The Immunization Nurse Manager at Massachusetts Department of Public Health discussed this past flu season and the changes in availability of flu vaccine for next year.

**Plan:**

Her plan is to continue entering data into the MIIS for all vaccines given. Discussion follows regarding the cost of flu vaccine for the upcoming season. A motion was made to contact the Stockwell Fund to try to appropriate funds for the vaccine. Mr. Scullin seconds the motion and it passes with all in favor.

Chairperson Dean motions to accept the nurse's report. Mr. Scullin seconds the motion and with all in favor, the motion passes.

**Health Agent's Report:**

Food Inspections: 7

Housing Fitness Inspections: 5

**Complaint Log:**

Syigma Stone, 1 Whittemore Lane, 71B Elm Street, 18-20 Prospect Street, 117 Hill Street #108

**Complaint Details:**

Re: Syigma Stone – a complaint was received at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection regarding a rock crushing and excavation operation on Manison Street. DEP representative John Keating has inquired as to what the scope of work to be done on Manison Street entails, as it is in close proximity to an apartment building (Cliffside Realty). After speaking with several workers on site, it was noted that at no point does the operation violate any noise statutes as the time of operation begins at 7am and ends at 3:30 to 4pm, and stays within the maximum allowable noise thresholds throughout. There has since been communication with Mr. Keating indicating that the Board of Health would not look further into the matter as the work is being conducted in an industrially zoned area, and the scope of work requires the use of rock-crushers and jack hammers to excavate the exposed bedrock. The work, according to machine operator Bob Gemmet, is set to last 2-3 more months.

Re: 1 Whittemore Lane – A complaint and several photographs were forwarded to the Board of Health office by Erin Sinclair in the selectman's office. The complaint was in regards to improper storage of trash on private property, leading to rodent sightings. The submitted photographs depicted loose trash bags being placed out for service, not in receptacles, and therefore torn open by animals. Also depicted was loose trash being stored on the rear deck of the dwelling without bags. A cease and desist order was sent to Stephanie Bonomo of 1 Whittemore Lane indicating proper practices for storage and disposal of garbage.

Re: 71B Elm Street – A written complaint was received in the Board of Health office, submitted by Gabriele Price regarding housing violations in her dwelling. Upon inspection on 3/16/2015, it was noted that 3 minor violations were present. An Order to Correct was sent to owner Frank Walsh of Stoneham.

Re: 18-20 Prospect Street – a complaint was received from Recycling Coordinator Rich Mailawco regarding the chronic disregard of the new trash policies in town. Being a Housing Authority property, a telephone conversation with director Sharon Wilkins took place to explain the situation. Stone Housing Authority workers will monitor the property in the future.

Re: 117 Hill Street #108 – A complaint was received by Michael M. Satterwhite, attorney to KC Linardon demanding an inspection of his clients unit and the apparent housing violations within it. After a conversation with Mr. Satterwhite, an inspection was scheduled and subsequently cancelled after forwarding the Housing Fitness inspection form dated 7/15/2013, two weeks prior to Ms. Linardon’s tenancy. Mr. Satterwhite has yet to reschedule the inspection or contact the Board of Health.

**Other:**

Stoneham Farmer’s Market – The newly formed Stoneham Farmer’s Market Association plans to re-establish the Farmers Market on the common beginning on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The market is set to run Thursday evenings from 3-7pm, and hopes to collaborate with the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce and their Summer Concert Series on the common, hoping to attract a larger crowd and reach more demographics.

Stoneham Wines Citation – Compliance checks were conducted in Stoneham in early January and all tobacco sales license holders complied except for Stoneham Wines at 101 Main Street, which distributed a pack of Parliament cigarettes to an under-aged buyer. A citation of \$100 was sent to Stoneham Wines and subsequently was paid one week later.

LA Fitness: The Board of Health continues to receive complaints regarding LA Fitness at Redstone Plaza. Due to the fact that it is a private club which collects membership dues, the Board of Health does not have direct jurisdiction over the facility besides the swimming pool area. The Board of Health will continue to forward complaints that we receive to LA Fitness and should it become a chronic issue, we will seek further administrative action.

Discussion follows on the Stoneham Farmer’s Market.

Chairperson Dean motions to accept the Health Agent’s Report. Mr. Scullin seconds the motion. It passes unanimously.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Mr. Scullin moves to accept the minutes of January 20, 2015 as drafted. Chairperson Dean seconds the motion and it passes with all in favor.

Several updates are discussed.

**Set next meeting date:**

The next meeting is planned for April 21, 2015.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Scullin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairwoman Dean seconds the motion. The motion passes with all in favor. The meeting is adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
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