

**Scituate Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, January 3, 2018
Scituate Selectman Hearing Room
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Doug Whyte, Chairman
Mr. Russell Clark, BOH Member
Mr. Steve Pansey, BOH Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Jennifer Keefe, Director, Public Health,
Ms. Joan Schmid, Administrative Assistant

6:00 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Mr. Whyte called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Acceptance of the Agenda- A motion was made and seconded with all in favor of accepting the agenda.

Scheduled Items:

SCHEDULED ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss/Vote: Amendment of Flu Clinic Fees portion of General Bylaw Section 10260

Ms. Keefe informed the Board that the public health nurse, Eileen, would like to potentially expand the vaccine efforts in the Town to offer different types of vaccines to residents. However, the current general revolving fund bylaw only includes the flu clinic vaccine. Ms. Keefe is requesting, on Eileen's behalf, to ask Town Meeting to amend the current general bylaw and revise it from the current fund limited to the flu to become a general vaccination fund. The Board asked if this would mean more money for the fund. Ms. Keefe noted that it does not necessarily mean the fund would get more money, but that the money currently in the fund and money added to the revolving fund could be used for other types of vaccines and not just for the flu vaccine. Ms. Keefe noted that the Town gets reimbursed for the flu vaccines and since it has started, the revolving fund has grown. Therefore, there is money in the fund for other types of vaccines to add additional public health services for the Town.

The Board asked for an explanation of the benefit for this additional public health service and what it would add to the Town. Ms. Keefe indicated that it would not cost the Town any money and this would allow for additional preventive health services to be provided for the Town. For instance, not all insurances cover the shingle vaccine and this would benefit residents that need this vaccine. Ms. Keefe also said that the public health nurse could offer the rabies vaccines to the animal shelter workers at no cost to the Town. Ms. Keefe also noted that the public health nurse could provide flu and pneumonia vaccines at the same clinic and also during her office hours. She believes there are no negatives to expanding the fund and it would not add to the workload. This would allow for more types of vaccines to be available to the residents.

Thus, Ms. Keefe presented the Board with the draft warrant article to expand the Flu Clinic Revolving Fund to include additional types of vaccinations that would be identified as “Vaccination Fees” with the fund being renamed to the “Vaccination Revolving Fund” and to include revenue changed and received and expenses associated with operation and administration of the vaccination clinics instead of being limited to just flu clinics.

The Board noted that they have no problem with the revision to the Flu Clinic Revolving Fund and they think it is a great idea.

A motion was made and seconded with all in favor to ask Town Meeting to vote to approve amending the “Flu Clinic Fees” portion of General Bylaw Section 10260- Revolving Funds to include additional types of vaccinations.

Ms. Keefe will send the Board’s approval and draft warrant article to the Board of Selectman office. It was noted that this will likely be discussed at an advisory committee meeting and sometimes a member of the Board is asked to attend this meeting.

Director’s Report

Ms. Keefe noted that they are continuing the permitting process. There is one outstanding food permit and no concerns, since the establishment is closed and the office will follow up. There is one rubbish removal permit not issued yet since there were outstanding requirements.

There are nine housing cases and two nuisance cases which is one less from the last meeting.

Ms. Keefe noted that there is one outstanding operation and maintenance repair needed, which is one less than the last meeting and four outstanding operation and maintenance contracts. There are sixteen known septic systems in failure. One had been connected to Town sewer, (490 Hatherly Road.) The septic system plans are coming in at a very fast pace. There are two or three for new construction but the bulk are repair plans.

There are six temporary food applications to date for the winters farmers market which starts the last week of January at St Luke’s.

There are three flu shots still available.

Ms. Keefe informed the Board that there have been eighteen private well applications received since the last meeting and one revised private well plan.

Ms. Keefe noted that the office is currently in emergency preparedness storm mode and currently in the process of getting the shelter ready to open at the Scituate High School. The shelter will open tomorrow at 7am and is located at the cafeteria/library wing of the high school. Ms. Keefe encouraged people to leave their homes early, stay with friends or in a hotel; however, the shelter will be open and available as a last resort. Residents with any storm related questions or issues can call 781-545-8749. The storm updates and email blasts will come from the Town website.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board reviewed and signed the administrative invoices for approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made and seconded with all in favor at 6:11pm.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS PRESENTED:

- 1) Copy of draft Warrant Article X-General Bylaw Amendment: Expansion of Flu Clinic Revolving Fund to Include Additional Vaccinations