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**Board of Health Meeting at 6:35pm**

**Date:** December 15, 2016  
Rice Conference Room

**Note:** Audio Recording

**Agenda #1 – Open Meeting**

**Agenda #2 – Roll Call Members Present:**

Robert Checkosky, Chairman -Excused  
Dave Williams, Vice Chairman  
Elizabeth Stevens  
Susan Starkey

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**Agenda #3 – Accept the Minutes of Previous Meetings-**

A. December 1, 2016- Motion to table minutes by S. Starkey; 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Stevens; motion passes

**Agenda #4 – Citizens' Forum-** Southbridge resident, Kevin Buxton questions the status of the Sustainability Committee. He states a side letter under the direction of former Health Director does exist.

**Agenda #5 – Presentation-**

**A. Preventive Health Nurse, Debra Vescera**

- a. Review/Discuss agreement
- b. Review current cases (Executive Session may be called to protect HIPAA)

A. Pelletier explains Mrs. Vescera is unable to attend this meeting due to prior commitment and suggests postponing agenda item for a date to be determined. D. Williams presents a motion for postponement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Starkey; unanimous vote of those present.

**Agenda #6 – Discuss BOH purpose and direction-** Brief discussion amongst members of the board regarding roles/scope of the Boards of Health. Guidance is needed in narrowing purpose and direction. Information from various agencies within the State of Massachusetts including MGL Chapter 111; Mass DEP; MEHA etc to be shared, reviewed for discussion at the next BOH meeting.

- A. **Discuss the impact of Question 4-** A. Pelletier explains Question 4 is the marijuana initiative; the States by vote of the people, approved the use of marijuana for recreational use. With this being said, A. Pelletier is looking for the feedback/questions and or concerns from the board. S. Starkey suggests to postpone for future discussion as the State will be discussing this specific topic in depths.
- B. **Discuss Solid Waste Regulations-** A. Pelletier explains there is an effort in town between Building Department and Health Department to target Blight properties. Both D. Williams and S. Starkey

recall this topic being discussed at the By-Law review committee. The most recent copy of the By-Law to be provided to all members of the board.

**Agenda #7 –Chairman Announcements-** D. Williams disappointed he was not informed of agenda #5, prior to this meeting.

**Agenda #8 – Health Directors’ Announcements-**

- A. Discuss and vote on succession of authority- S. Starkey suggests for a Memorandum of Understanding be prepared and submitted. A. Pelletier explains this succession would be within our own Towns’ structure. S. Starkey suggests tabling this agenda for further discussion. Agenda item tabled.
- B. Training Opportunity-NACCHO A. Pelletier Announces a conference available to Board Members sponsored by NACCHO to take place in Atlanta. E. Stevens and S. Starkey are interested in attending. A. Pelletier will provide their names to the Emergency Preparedness Committee for consideration on reimbursements.

**Agenda #9- Board Members Announcements-**

- A. E. Stevens- None

**Agenda #10- Discuss Topics for next meeting; Schedule Next Meeting-**

January 12, 2017 Non-Landfill Meeting  
January 19, 2017 Landfill Meeting

**Agenda #11- Meeting Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted by Maritza Santos, Recording Clerk.

