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BOARD OF HEALTH**

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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 in the Robert Miller Community Center. Chair Sousie; Members, Vos, Hart, and Galbraith ; and Staff Assistant Van Brunt.

1. Agenda approved; Minutes for May 27th (regular) and June 5th (special) meetings will be approved at next meeting.
2. Introduction of Youth Intern for Mentorship Program:
Welcome to Denis Pobric, BHS sophomore with expectation that he be a participant, v observer.
3. Election of BOH Chair:
Ian volunteers.
Mary nominates Ian, Jay seconds nomination.
Ian Gailbraith elected Chair
Ian to continue w/ semi-annual reports
Meet w/ mayor every 3 months
4. Public Forum:

Chair Sousie reviewed the agenda and confirmed with Board members that there were no changes needed. Chair Sousie noted that there were no members of the public present at the meeting and therefore did not open the Public Forum.

1. Approval of recommendations for Town Health Officer and Deputy Health Officers

Chair Sousie presented the task of approving the recommendation of Interim Code Enforcement Director Eugene Bergman as the Town Health Officer, as well as approving the recommendation of Code Enforcement Inspector Ita Meno and Code Enforcement Case

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Manager Deborah Dalton as Deputy Health Officers. Approval of recommendations passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of .F1H1 (Swine) Flu Outbreak: Policies and Procedures

Chair Sousie stated he wanted the Board to look at pandemic policies and procedures and provided each Board member with a document from the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) regarding suggestions and guidelines for planning for an influenza pandemic. Chair Sousie asked the Board members to review the document and look for anything the City of Burlington may not have in its plans. Discussion of the document followed. Chair Sousie stated that the Board of Health must be prepared to be called upon to help in a pandemic situation. Chair Sousie also stated that the primary focus of the Board of Health is educational and that this would most likely say the same unless a pandemic situation became very serious Flu discussion. Acquire a copy of the emergency preparedness plan. Review and suggest policy revisions for a health related disaster.

3. Report: BOH Pesticide Ordinance Public Information Task Force

Procedures defined for meetings to be scheduled June 16th or June 24; location TBD. Invitations to Marie Bartlett and Ita Meno; Jay Vos has a list of interested parties.

4. Chairman's Report

a. Approval: Semi-annual Report to Mayor and City Council w/ revisions:

1. Add Denis's name
2. Change Chairman to Ian Gailbraith
3. Next meeting date June 5th.

b. BOH Participation in Environmental Conference on September 10, Burlington's Main Street Landing Performing Arts Cent, 9:30 AM to 5 PM, "A Critical Link: The Environment and Women's Health", \$85.00 per person.

- Approval for participation by Fern Crete and Jay Vos, and two mentees.

c. Discussion regarding BOH responsibility in finding solution for a long-term sewer system problem North Burlington (Western, Staniford areas)

- Alan Sousie will investigate what DPW has done to deal with the problem and define who is responsible.

d. Hookah rule for postings at exits and entrances amended from "hookah tobacco contains nicotine" to "hookah smoke contains nicotine." Margaret Van Brunt to send a letter to the commissioner with the one word change indicating the BOH has approved this change and are requesting approval by VDH so that the revised posting can be implemented.

e. Update: City Attorney's review of Oregon correspondence.

Nothing to report

- f. Update: Board's Resolution for Preventative Discontinuation of Fluoridation
Nothing to report – checking with ordinance committee

5. Staff Report

- a. Update: VELCRO Herbicide and Pesticide Applications in City Limits
 - Discussion regarding as to whom is responsible for overseeing this.
Agenda item for next meeting.

- b. Margaret Van Brunt to acquire copy of Burlington's Emergency Preparedness Plan.

6. Meeting Adjourned