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**BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH  
Robert Miller Community Center  
Wednesday, December 9, 2009  
5:30 TO 7:30 PM  
Meeting Minutes**

*Attending: Ian Galbraith, Chair; Fernand C. Crete, Mary D. Hart, Linda Ayer, Alan Sousie, Gene Bergman, Denis Pobric, Jody Harvey,  
Absent: James Vos  
Public: Eric Steele, Jodi Harvey, Jed Ruhl, Mike Betit, Bill Ward, Dennis Duffy, David Casey*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Galbraith at 5:35 PM.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Approval of Agenda	Approved	
2. Approval of Minutes: November 10, 2009	Approved	
3. Public Forum	Eric Steele EA & Gazo comments: Pigs: - article in BFP about animal control and pigs loose. This may pose a danger to children in neighborhood.	

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	<p>Vehicles related to farm are going down pedestrian bridge (speeding) – public health and welfare concerns. Increase in night traffic</p> <p>Ian Galbraith: 535 Ethan Allen is under State Agency of Ag jurisdiction</p> <p>Mike Betit – fired the guy who was speeding One sow going to slaughter for Thursday w/ 4 piglets – 99% of pigs are within confines of electric fence.</p> <p>Eric Steele requested contact information to get in touch w/ Mike Betit when teens go down to release pigs, or get stuck in mud.</p> <p>Jody Harvey – animal control officer reported there were 9 incidents in 9 months to capture the sow, lambs, etc. on bike path. Expansion of “urban” farming has potential to affect other parts of the city, i.e., on Hayward St there are flocks of chickens &amp; roosters. Mini – farms/pets - 4 is the maximum number of animals permitted . Last two years, problems seem to be escalating with more animals.</p> <p>Gene Bergman: BOH jurisdiction: able to address public health risks and hazards The agricultural issues are not within Health Board’s jurisdiction. Zoning issues can be addressed by Code Loose animals are dealt with by the Animal Control Office Growing potential of urban farming necessitates city depts. collaborate with Ag community members, police, code enforcement, animal control.</p> <p>Issues specific to 535 Ethan Allen are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoof houses, run off, slaughtering – Ag</li> </ul>	<p>Wendy Anderson - field inspector at Ag Agency - determines who has jurisdiction over what.</p>
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	<p>Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trailer may be in Code/BOH jurisdiction.</li> <li>• Animal Control: - BPD – re: animals, specific to farm animals.</li> </ul> <p>BPD: Current focus is based on nuisance and dealing with animals on highways. Sgt. Duffy: If there is a “nuisance”, BPD has authority to issue fines.</p>	<p>Departmental and stakeholder meetings to be arranged to determine what efforts are to be made with some of these issues.</p> <p>BPD could write regulations for horses, cows, chickens, etc.</p>
4. Chairman’s Report	Nothing to report	
5. Members’ Reports:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P.O.P.E</li> </ul> <p>Summary report: BOH needs to begin thinking about getting \$ to complete some of these action items.</p> <p>3 people on the committee expressed interest in attending the Marketing Workshop February 10, 2010 and possibly Mary Hart could represent BOH.</p> <p>Decisions by POPE DO NOT need to be micro-managed. Monthly reports w/ BOH granting permission to move forward, w/ regular reporting: Decisions can be made by phone but no action to be taken w/o public announcement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pesticide Ordinance Status</li> </ul> <p>Burlington Telecom issues distracting City Council from addressing ordinance which is in committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on H1N1</li> </ul> <p>No testing, no cases at Mary’s school, no more vaccine available at Hospital or at Ethan Allen Residence..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other</li> </ul> <p>Hookah Warning Postings: Only one business in Burlington needed to post.</p> <p>Fluoridation Issue: Alan Sousie - Fluoridation</p>	<p><b>Alan to work on grant writing with Mary, Fern and Jay.</b></p> <p>Motion approved to pay for \$25.registration fee per committee member &amp; BOH representative to attend Marketing Seminar at Main Street Landing, in February.</p> <p><b>Ian</b> will draft a letter from BOH to Ed Adrian</p>

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	<p>issue needs to be dealt with and moved that Board direct letter to Ed Adrian for a status &amp; progress report on the fluoride resolution and response as to what is going to happen next (been sitting there for 3 months). Some members of the Board are impatient with it languishing in that committee.</p> <p>Alan participated again in Code Director interviews.</p> <p>Membership in National Association of Local Boards of Health. (NALBOH)</p>	<p>requesting status of the Fluoridation Resolution and request a decision as to whether they are tabling it or moving it along.</p> <p>Moved to NOT renew membership in NALBOH. Approved.</p>
<p>6. Staff Reports</p> <p>    a. Research on health issues related to livestock in Burlington</p> <p>    b. Composting toilets</p>	<p>Related issues and complaints received are not within our jurisdiction.</p> <p>Request has been made for zoning permits to install a composting toilet in Intervale.</p>	
7. Next Board Meeting	<b>January 12, 2010 at DPW (second Tuesday)</b>	<b>Operating Budget for BOH to be drafted for January 2010 Meeting</b>
8. Adjournment	6:50 PM	

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