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**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH
Contois Auditorium, City Hall
Tuesday, August 10, 2010 5:30 PM**

Attendance: Ian, Fern, Alan, Bill, Linda, Dennis,

Absent: Mary, Jay,

Public: Andy Bromage – Reporter, 7Days, Deborah Dalton – Case Manager, Code Enforcement, Damien Sedney – Butanese Refugee Committee

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Galbraith at 5:30 PM

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Approval of Agenda		Approved
2. Approval of Minutes: July 13, 2010		Approved
3. Public Forum		No comments
4. Chairman's Report	BOH Goals for FY 11	

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	<p>Goal of BOH is to focus on HEALTH Issues related to the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Safety Issues – continue to promote anti-fluoridation • Pesticide Education – Pesticide Ordinance Public Education Working Group. • Examine impact of cultural diversity • Lead in Water – encourage testing and sampling • Domestic Animals – address disease and ordinance requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How are health conditions affected by having exotic animals in the city? Be pro-active • School inspections – we are able to conduct inspections (2 years ago, working w/ maintenance) continue to do this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board Members to inspect upon ending of the school year by monitoring what property manager was inspecting. Receive reports about air quality; physical changes, etc. re: health. ○ Clean, healthy facility i.e., air, food and that chemicals are used in an appropriate way) State does these inspections, but BOH has authority to make a determination. In prior years, Chris Giard & Jean Collins presented before the BOH. • Jay and Mary’s input desired. • Consider other goals. 	<p>Goals list was tentatively approved and discussion will be re-opened at next meeting with full board attendance.</p>
<p>6 Members’ Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.O.P.E. 	<p>Fern reported: Jay has contacted Sid and Taylor re: Lawn Lab plans for the Fall.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticide Ordinance • Update on Fluoride Issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FAN Conference Participation- Alan Sousie 	<p>No report</p> <p>Discussion of amount to be reimbursed for one BOH participant's expenses to attend conference. Board vote at last meeting for a \$207.00 allowance was upheld.</p> <p>Alan Sousie reported on the Fluoride Action Network Conference at St. Lawrence University, Canton NY, July 23-27, 2010.</p> <p>Australia/NZ/ Wash, CA, Ore/ England were represented.</p> <p>Activists have had success with getting fluoride removed.</p> <p>Kevin Hurley – Media Works documentary Video on anti-fluoridation.</p> <p>Melissa Moulton (Main St. Landing)will debut his documentary</p> <p>Paul Connett debuting a book : <u>The Case Against Fluoridation.</u></p> <p>Alan shared history of BOH efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan believes that fluoridation is not safe. • Evidence has changed the mind of the National Kidney Foundation on the safety of fluoride in our water. • Dr. Osmunsen presented why he is pursuing the legal aspects of water fluoridation. • We have officially received a response from the city attorney re: the legal ramifications of the letter from Dr. Osmunsen. • Fluoride Action Network has \$\$\$ to fund a full time position here in Burlington and is 	<p>Alan to follow up w/ Linthelac re: grant funds.</p>
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	<p>looking for an activist to hire to be responsible for operating this organization in Burlington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VT is considered an important place in the anti-fluoridation movement as it is known as a safe haven for environmental action. <p>Ian Galbraith, Chair cautioned that BOH needs to remain open- minded on emerging science on the issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VT Dept.of Health lab report – fluoride levels in private wells is evidence of natural fluoridation. Burlington claims in wells .3 parts million and in treated water .6 parts per million. A map is available to show levels throughout state. 	
<p>6. Staff Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Issue: bed bugs – Director Ward 	<p>Last year: one report to Code on bed bugs.</p> <p>This year: Code Enforcement has received 13 complaints covering Ethan Allen Parkway to Home Ave. This has affected every ward. Under-reporting of the number of cases because there is very little knowledge that there is a problem and those that are aware of the problem are not reporting because of the “social stigma”.</p> <p>Problem is people are discarding furniture that is infested.</p> <p>If a tenant has a bed bug infestation it is responsibility of property owner IF it is more than one unit.</p> <p>Code does not do inspections of single family residences.</p> <p>Standard protocol followed:</p>	<p>Eliminate the stigma through education. This is not a problem specific to clutter, cleanliness, or socio-economic levels.</p> <p>Code Enforcement is attempting to get property owners to be pro-active.</p> <p>Code Enforcement will continue working with the Dept. of Health Website and VT Tenants.</p> <p>Currently Code is dealing with bed bugs on a case by case basis, but will come up with different protocol if they spread.</p> <p>Best Practices: Create or adopt a handout.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call from Tenant • Send out trained inspector • Encourage responsible party to hire a professional pest control mgmt expert who have methods to detect bed bugs. I.e., machines; bedbug sniffing dogs and eliminate. <p>Used furniture places have been contacted.</p> <p>Global approach rather than individual cases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caution that we can't be the bedbug police 2. Challenge is that there are those who is believe there is undue alarm. 3. Try to educate v. ticketing 4. Get 99% of people on line, that one piece of luggage will re-infest. 5. Most people are cooperating 6. VT Dept. of Health refers to us. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infestation in Brattleboro & St. Johnsbury ○ Coordination efforts with different agencies are minimal ○ Landlords and VT Tenants are most eager to work together with Code Enforcement and have the same goal. <p>Damien Sedney – Buttanese Refugee Committee advocate and biologist offered comments on bed bugs and the impact on refugee renters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDT – since it was eliminated in US, there has been a resurgence of bed bugs in last few years • NYC Task Force on bed bugs has good recommendations • Danger for refugee tenants being blamed • Refugees do not have the resources to deal with this problem. <p>There are translators available for health officer interventions.</p>	<p>Joint press releases and press conferences to reach the population.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GLOBAL Corporation Herbicide Application Follow – Up: 	<p>Director Ward took tour of the facility: Restricted areas of fuel tanks, areas inside fuel farm had growth. Bill granted permission for a second application. State did make a recommendation that Accord could be used.</p>	<p>Per request of Board: Director Ward will inspect hookah use and postings on Main St. and report back to Board.</p>
<p>7. Action Items/Next Board Meeting</p>	<p>Address the question:</p> <p>Should a written plan for the continuous improvement for community monitoring efforts be a task of the BOH?</p>	<p>Invite Mark Larsen to speak to BOH re: legislative action for Pesticide Ordinance - Fern</p> <p>Invite the property manager of the Burlington CC to speak on best pesticide application practices - Bill</p>
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>Adjourned 7:10 PM</p>	<p>Next Meeting: September 14, 2010 Robert Miller 5:30 PM</p>

APPROVED