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**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF  
BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Robert Miller**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011 5:30 PM**

*Attendance: Fern, Alan, Linda, Mary, Jay Absent: Denis, Ian, Bill (Mary had to leave at 6:00 back at 6:30 PM)*

*Public: Ross Saxon*

**AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF  
BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Robert Miller Community Center – Gosse Court**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - 5:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Alan Sousie, in place of Ian Galbraith, at 5:40PM

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Approval of Agenda		Approved
2. Approval of Minutes:	February 11, 2011	Approved
3. Public Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ross Saxton, BLUE Program Manager, Lake Champlain International, Inc.</li> </ul>	<b>BOH to</b> consider a partnership with BLUE

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	<p>Director of conservation effort “BLUE” - Tethys is the company administering the grants for Winooski, Colchester, Shelburne for pesticide/herbicide safe practices and has a team which visits individual homes.</p> <p>Evaluates residential properties. Intern goes door to door</p> <p>Certifies them as BLUE = watershed friendly S&amp;B Signs are \$8.00 each</p> <p>Revisits 10% of properties the next year to do another review.</p> <p>Just started in Colchester in 2010. EPA interested; non-profits and municipalities are examining as a program for monitoring and enforcement. This program is going national.</p> <p>Discussion about water contamination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COLTAR, EnRoofs, can become runoff issues More asphalt based alternative: (hydrofluorcarbons are in the runoff).</li><li>• Picking up Dog Waste</li><li>• Phosphorous and Nitrogen reduction... need to get soil tested. Only ID what is lacking in the sample.</li><li>• Haven't recognized fluoride as an issue, but under new Fed. Legislation, drugs must be disposed of properly (nothing down the drain).</li><li>• Gravel is not considered a pervious material by the state.</li><li>• Reverse osmosis is the only way to remove</li></ul>	<p><b>Connect</b> Ross's group to other departments: i.e. Laurie Adams – Water Dept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BLUE could be the enforcement agency if the bill in the VT senate passes</li></ul>
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	<p>fluoride from the water. BOH recommends total removal of all drinking water.</p> <p>There are 3 Levels of service which BLUE offers, with each level being more expensive.</p> <p>Level I offers mini-grants for homeowners (\$200-250) to go toward rain barrels, rain gardens, stone pavers.</p> <p>Jay contacted DPW (Steve Goodkind) and Megan Moir (Storm Water) about hearing what Ross has to say.</p>	
4. Chairman's Report	<p>A. Sousie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOH doesn't have power to demand that the water dept. publish info on fluoride</li> <li>• Are we sending anyone for Sept 7-9, 2011?</li> </ul>	
5. School Environment Quality Inspections	<p>A. Sousie – quality of inspections good</p> <p>B. Response from C. Giard indicates deadlines to meet “compliance”</p> <p>C. Suggestion to Rank with Poor, Standard, Exceptional (concerns re: the size of schools and scoring).</p> <p>D. Split into teams of two? 6 pairs of eyes...</p>	<p>March 22, 2011 – Champlain Next Inspection <b>REMIND BILL</b> 1:00 – 4:00 PM</p> <p>Decision to continue with current protocol</p> <p>Ranking of: below standard, meets standards, exceeds the standard</p>
6. Members' Reports:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P.O.P.E.</li> </ul> <p>Lawn Labs Project – one of the 2 property owners has not been able to participate.</p>	<p><b>J. Vos:</b></p> <p>Contact property owner to get on track or select applicant #3 as a replacement for analysis and remedies.</p> <p>Contact Gardner's Supply to discuss transfer of credit to new Lawn Labs participant.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on Fluoride Issue</li></ul>	<p><b>Promotional Effort:</b> May 15, 2001 Cooperative effort of business owners and DPW included Public Works Tour w/ dinner and info - Catered by Papa Franks</p> <p><b>2001 – UVM Environmental Counsel w/ Legacy Project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Created an environmental report card to improve conditions.</li><li>○ Environmental priorities alignment with community priorities</li><li>○ Land Use and Water Quality, Solid &amp; Hazardous Waste, ...</li></ul> <p><b>Nothing new to report on Fluoride Issue</b></p>	<p><b>Set up next POPE meeting</b></p> <p><b>J. Vos</b> will follow through that a new person is selected to lead the POPE group and make a firm commitment.</p> <p>New Chairman of POPE will review the list of 75 applicants and select another subject to participate in the Lawn Lab Project. <b>Jay</b> to share this information w/ Jen Davis</p> <p><b>Linda contact:</b></p> <p>Cliff Cooper at NAN for 2 page spread for April and May issues.</p> <p>Jen Davis to put PDF File on Pesticide/Herbicide Application Practices on the Burlington BUZZ with links to BOH PRESS RELEASES</p> <p>Wood Lewis – Front Porch Forum... What can be done, what are the fees?</p> <p><b>J.Vos/F. Crete:</b> Use POPE monies to do something to get hardware store owners and applicators to attend a presentation on Pesticide Use</p> <p><b>Must put in time frames:</b></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board of Health Authority</li></ul>	<p>Oct 5, 1992 – written by assistant city attorney:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Burlington Board of Health has the full authority of any other local BOH; controlled by Alderman. (City Council)</li><li>• Charter Sec. 2-79: BOH has same authority as the city council. Example: Title XVIII - VSA 6-13 (c) ie. Hookah Rule</li></ul> <p>1986 – Health Officer Statutes :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Procedures for issuing health orders Local BOH have full jurisdiction over their municipalities.</li></ul> <p>1993 –Obligations (scope of authority)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As agents of State of VT, Health Officers to evaluate all schools in city or town once a year</li></ul> <p><b>Resource Materials:</b></p> <p>Chemical watch FACT LIST: Report on current use and applications in park system in Burlington</p> <p>NALBOH – Addresses Health/Safety Issues</p> <p>Healthy Vermonters: Blueprint for Improving Public Health, VT Dept. of Health;</p> <p>Hazards: 1998 Resolution about Tobacco 1998 – list of all the hazards wastes in City of Burlington and where located: Companies: Global</p>	<p><b>Deliver to Dir. Ward:</b> Health Officer Issues Document– Steve Goodkind 1997 and Legal documents folder</p> <p><b>Director Ward:</b> Check w/ Fire Dept as to whether the hazardous materials list is still being maintained and where it is being stored. Are any of the chemicals being stored within the 500 ft buffer zone?</p>
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	<p>MCI Gas Stations Lawn Care People North Beach maintenance facility FAHC UVM</p> <p>Eugene, Oregon Ordinance - Toxics Board Document</p> <p>Pesticide applications to Centennial Field – 2004, 2008</p> <p>Protect Your Child’s Health brochure</p> <p>Reports of demonstration projects including businesses, churches, and private homes in prior years.</p> <p><b>1991 – posting of Pesticide Ordinance:</b> Question: from where and how is the 500 foot buffer zone measured (high water/low water). Applications included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Spring Dormant Application for Green Ash trees. Wayne Gross 2002</li></ul></p> <p><b>Authority of BOH:</b></p> <p>Oct 5, 1992 – written by asst. city attny</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full authority of any other local BOH; controlled by Alderman,</li><li>• Charter Sec. 2-79: BOH has same authority as the city council? Title XVIII - VSA 6-13 (c) ie. Hookah Rule</li></ul> <p>1986 – New Health Officer Statutes - :</p>	<p><b>A. Sousie:</b> ask Gene Bergman, Asst City Attny. to clarify Board’s authority as documented.</p>
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7. Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Request for Global Industries Report</li><li>• Other – NALBOH publications</li><li>• BOH Ad Info for Pesticide/Herbicide Use</li></ul>	<b>Linda contact</b> Guidance Counselor/Asst Principal re: intern with a commitment.
8. Action Items/Next Board Meeting	<b>DPW - April 12, 2011</b>	<b>Conversation w/ the Arborist: Warren Spinner POPE, School Inspections, BOH Authority</b>
9. Adjournment	8:00 PM	Adjourned

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