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

Department of Public Works, 645 Pine Street

Thursday, July 14, 2011 - 5:30 PM

Present: Ian Galbraith, Mary Hart, Alan Sousie, Austin Sumner, Emma Hevey, Grace Hevey, Bill Ward

Absent: David Casey

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

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Approval of Agenda a. Introductions of Members of the Board of Health	Amended: Introductions -1A. Austin Sumner, MD, MPH – newly appointed, has lived in Burlington 5 years. His work focuses on occupational and environmental health with the Vt. <u>Department of Health</u> . He will recuse himself from issues that are a conflict of interest. Ward <u>6</u> David Casey, RN – newly appointed. Employed by	Approved

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	<p>Chittenden Correctional Facility. Ward 5</p> <p>Ian Galbraith, Chair BOH - Board member since 1990. Employed at Fletcher Allen Health Care.</p> <p>Alan Sousie, RN- 8 years service on BOH. Works w/ elders at Ethan Allen Residence. Ward 7</p> <p>Mary Hart RN – Board member since 1996. School nurse at Hunt Middle School. Ward 7</p> <p>BOH Intern: Grace Hevey, BHS junior who is involved in community activism.</p> <p>BOH Intern: Emma Hevey, BHS junior who is interested in learning about public health issues.</p> <p>William Ward – Health Officer, Director - Code Enforcement</p> <p>Linda Ayer – BOH staff support, Code Administrator</p>	<p>Encourage youth representatives to provide input into health issue discussions.</p>	
2.	Approval of Minutes:	July 14, 2011	Approved
3.	Public Forum	<p>1. City Arborist, Warren Spinner, postponed until September meeting.</p> <p>2. Superfund/ Barge Canal Site Containment Failure: EPA plans to clean up this site which contains benzene and coal tar from a gasification plant that stored toxic by-products in barrels that have since deteriorated; EPA is proposing to put in a new underground barrier and is inviting public comment until August 15, 2011.</p> <p>Discussion: What is the likelihood of health risks? Impact on beach use, local fishing, water quality is minimal. This is an environmental quality issue v. a health issue.</p>	<p>BOH will warn Superfund discussion and prepare a statement..</p> <p>All members of BOH will correspond via e-mail and craft a statement to the EPA to be presented and voted upon at the next Board meeting.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Health Authority 	<p>changes affect residential and rental properties. Examining which conditions cause problems. Two public BOH meetings on urban agricultural preceded City Council creating this task force.</p> <p>Received a written response from Gene Bergman - City Attorney's Office, and the Board will use this document as a guide in public health decisions .</p>	
<p>6. Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code Enforcement Updates NALBOH Web Updates/Front Porch Forum 	<p>Director W. Ward – Health Issue Investigations: :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claims of an outrageous condition regarding a dog – investigation revealed no odor in backyard, 90% of lawn covered in grass but waste in contents of truck. Determination that it is an issue of an abandoned vehicle v. a public health threat. Discovery of an unhealthy hoarding situation. An appropriate intervention occurred on the part of Code Enforcement and social service agencies. At this time, a health order is not necessary. <p>Update on registration process for the National Association for Local Boards of Health conference: 2-3 may attend this meeting.</p> <p>Report that health postings on FPF are getting responses in forms of questions and compliments.</p>	<p>Continue to disseminate public health reminders and information via Web postings and Front Porch Forum</p>
<p>9. Action Items/Next Board Meeting</p>	<p>Superfund Site BOH Statement Goals of BOH for next year School Inspections: (Healthy School Environment Coordinator for VT is Chris Zuidema -Envision Program 800 -439 - 8550 ext 0, who could provide technical assistance for next round of school inspections.</p>	<p>Thursday, August 11, 2011 Room 12 City Hall. <i>(Mary Hart will be absent).</i></p>
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>7:30 PM</p>	<p>Adjourned</p>