

## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Tom Klem (TK), Chair, John G. Schuler, M.D. (JS), Elizabeth Brewer, M. D. (EB) and Michael Wegerbauer (MW). Also present were Julia Junghanns (JJ) Director of Public Health and Patti White, Department Assistant

7:00 p.m. Public Comment- there were none.

7:05 p.m. Introduction and Potential Recommendation of Marni Roitfarb, M. D. MPH, (MR) for the Appointed to School Physician

Ruth Mori, R.N. B.S.N.- Public Health Nurse/School Nurse Leader has joined the meeting to give the Board background regarding the volunteer School Physician Role. Currently Simone Mordas, MD and Kim Wilson, MD have been available to assist the Community Health Nursing program. They have filled this role for a number of years and are interested in turning this role over to Marni Roitfarb, MD who has expressed interest in being appointed to the School Physician role.

Ms. Mori met with Marlene Dodyk, Director of Student Services for the Wayland Public Schools, to gather information on the past process of School Committee appointing School Physicians. This initially occurred when the Nurses became Town of Wayland Health Department employees and no longer were contracted through Parmenter Health Center. No formal documents of record have been located as to how this initial School Committee appointment took place. The Student Health Services and Requirements School Policy indicate that "The District shall provide the services of a medical consultant who will render medical and administrative consultative services for personnel responsible for school health and athletics." Ms. Dodyk did inquire about this process and suggests that the Board of Health submit a recommendation for Dr. Roitfarb to the School Committee for appointment as the School Physician.

Dr. Roitfarb introduced herself to the Board. She indicates she is a practicing Pediatrician who has young children entering the school system and is interested in supporting the community. She is currently a Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) volunteer and has been in touch with Ruth that her availability is increasing as of May 1st and she is aware of the responsibilities around being a School Physician. She will actually be more available to the nurses because of a change in work schedule. Ruth explained how typically the nurses contact and consult with the School Physician regarding various situations or questions that come up. Dr. Roitfarb also will plan to meet with the nurses so that she is aware of how best she can assist as the School Physician role. The Board asked about involvement with school athletics as per the policy. Ruth explained that the School Physician is mainly involved with the School Nurses and the Health rooms and the Athletic Trainer is the individual who oversees the school sports. Dr. Mordas had not mentioned anything specific regarding her role with the Athletic Trainer. Dr. Roitfarb stated that she is willing to consult with the Athletic Department as needed as well. Board Chair, Tom Klem, did request that this be followed up on as it is stated in the policy (Student Health Services and Requirements). Ruth said she will inquire what the process is with this and determine who the Athletic Director typically consults with if non-urgent medical questions or concerns arise.

The Board asked about liability coverage and Ruth stated that it is her understanding that this would be covered under the Town umbrella policy as a volunteer but that she would check with Town Council to ensure that this is accurate as there are a number of areas the School Physician will assist with: writing the standing orders for the nurses to administer medications and vaccine administration.

**MW: Motion to support the appointment of Dr. Marni Roitfarb as School Physician. EB second vote 4-0 all in favor.**

7:20 p.m. **Review and Discuss Staff Review Notes and Information for Proposed Solar Carport Projects at the Middle School and High School**

MW: the BoPW (Board of Public Works) had discussed the area by middle school regarding construction on the burn dump area. Recreation said a playing field would have more stringent restrictions for field construction as opposed to the library. JJ: I have been advised that digging in the ground in the area of the old burn dump would start a process of investigations.

JJ: When investigating the highway site (193- 195 Main St.) for the Wrap (Wayland Real Assets Planning) committee, I located a memorandum for the Middle school feasibility study, I was wondering if there was a concern for the Solar project at the Middle School. Since the ground was disturbed when the school and the access road off Main Street were constructed, digging the footings for the solar panels will not be the first time that area is being disturbed. It was already disturbed when the road and parking lot was built. The supports for the panels will have 16' deep footings.

The "figure 1" document shows the footprint of the old burn dump landfill in relationship to the Highway garage, as reported by CDM in their February 2000 report "Wayland Highway Department Environmental Investigation of Former Wayland Town Dump". The landfill footprint appears to be contained to the old Highway paved parking lot which is below the Middle School parking lot area. The board reviewed the location and determined there is no issue as the footprint is not in the area where the carports will be located.

JJ: at the High School location solar carports in the parking lots, it appears that a component of the solar carport (wires/piping) will need to cross the forcemain that is connected to the wastewater treatment plant. The high school solar project location may need to use ground penetrating radar to identify the location of the septic force main to the treatment plant, care must be taken to ensure that the forcemain pipe is not compromised.

TK: solar panels were to be located at another location (by sandpit by happy hollow wells) is that happening? JJ: not in that area. MW: there were questions regarding the well chemical feed for the Happy Hollow wells,( access off Stonebridge rd.) there could be a problem with putting solar panels near the chemical feeds. EB: is this happening soon? JJ: yes during school vacation, I believe it was approved last year at Town Meeting. TK: this was approved at last year town meeting (April 2015). The board has no issues with this project. EB: has questions about impact of the solar panels being on town property, future use restrictions due to the lease.

7:45 p.m. **Review request and Information regarding potential disposition of Town Owned Parcels, Map 46B Parcels 47 and 48 (aka 4 & 8 Sycamore)**

JJ: had put together the information regarding these lots and potential use, nitrogen loading, etc. This information had been provided, now they are looking for Board input. The Lowery family (120 Lakeshore Drive) is looking to purchase the parcels from the Town. TK: In their letter the Lowery's state that in 2008 F. Turkington (FT) (Town Administrator) had notified abutters of the 2 lots, that the parcels were for sale, however a sale did not take place MW: I understand from a discussion that the Lowery's want to use the parcels for a septic system to serve a rental property in the area. TK: In 2008 FT sent letter to abutters of the two lots to let them know they were for sale, do we know if other residents know the property is available? Have present day

abutters again been notified that the land is still for sale? MW: During a recent discussion, Mike Lowery mentioned that his properties at 10 Beech Road and 120 Lakeshore Drive would like use these lots for septic purposes. JJ: The land could be used as Nitrogen aggregation land for septic systems on other properties in the area; it would not necessarily need to be a direct connection for septic system. JS: has the town (in general) been notified that this land is for sale? JJ: we do not know if there has been any notification to any abutters and/or the town in general.

MW: the concern from health dept., that if the plots were to be developed, the septic systems would come before the board. Open land used for nitrogen credit land would probably be the best use of the property. If Mr. Lowery was looking to expand the property at 10 Beech Rd, the project for the septic system would come before the Board. TK: Can staff check to find out how the pricing of the property is being handled. TK and EB: suggest that the current abutters are to be notified of the property for sale, or maybe the whole town. There may be other abutters who need additional land for replacement/repair of existing septic systems as well. The price being suggested is below the assessed value.

8:05 p.m.      **Artificial Turf discussion**

EB: What does the newspaper article regarding Medway mean? Are they just not making new artificial turf fields ones or taking up existing ones? (Metrowest daily news article on the Board of Health ban in Medway on Artificial Turf). JS: This exact topic is to go before the Town meeting, the Wayland article for fields, the Selectmen and the Finance Committee are both against the money for the investigation for fields. They both mentioned the health concerns and we feel it would be better that they not use crumb rubber. TK: We should know the information regarding the option for a product that is not crumb rubber for infill. JS: I may be speaking to this at Town Meeting and I want to be able to offer an option. EB: There is no final answer and out of caution we would like to offer an option for another product. It will be years before we will have any concrete information regarding the possible health issues. JS: the company in GA uses an extra thick carpet and does not use infill, the price per square foot is decidedly larger, but would eliminate the questionable health issues of crumb rubber. MW: there are many health issues out there, cell phones and/or wireless in schools, I am not sure what stand I would take, but would prefer an alternative to the crumb rubber. The current grass fields are in such poor condition, there is a need for more fields. JS: The town is looking at developing fields at the Payne Estates, off 126 just past the 5 paths intersection; it is connected to the Greenways Recreation Area. That parcel is being considered for recreation or possibly a new Library. Constructing new grass fields would allow for field rotation to allow the grass fields to rest and regrow. We should make the residents aware the possible health issues, being discussed about the crumb rubber, there is a lot of information out there, but there will not be any scientific proof for a number of years. EB: We are not asking them to get rid of the current turf field: JS: There will be a need to replace the current artificial turf field in the near future. Currently there is only anecdotal evidence right now, not scientific evidence, according to the information at hand. If there are other options/more choices they should be considered, we would recommend an alternative to crumb rubber.

General Business:

**Set next meeting date**—Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

JS: What is the status of the work done over at Willowbrook Condo's? JJ: They installed the White Knight system over there and from the last report we had received it appeared to be working well and was doing what it was hoped to do for the system. Unless that changes we would not need to oversee any more septic repair work on that system (for now and hopefully a long time). They do inspections on the systems every 3 years (I believe) so we would find out.

8:25 p.m.      **Minutes of February 24, 2016—**

MW: has left the meeting

**TK: Motion to approve minutes of 22416 as amended. JS second vote 3-0 all in favor.**

**Verbal director's report:**

**Cremaains at the Church of the Holy Spirit on Rice Road**

JJ sent an email to the Board regarding buried cremaains at the former Church of the Holy Spirit on Rice Rd. The property has been sold with the condition that the cremaains be removed from the property. The Church of the Holy Spirit has sent letters to the families who have cremaains buried in the "Memorial Garden" with notification that they are to be removed. The families are upset and do not want the cremaains to be moved, someone contacted the Health Dept. in an effort to get information and find out what other options might be available in Wayland. The church claims the "memorial garden" cremaains area is not considered a cemetery, Town counsel is looking to find information as to how the Church of the Holy Spirit established the burial area and whether it is an official cemetery or not? If it was a cemetery, there would be disinterment (and then reinternment) documentation to be completed. Is there any risk to public health with the cremaains being there? JS: I cannot think of health risks for cremaains: EB: there is no apparent health risk from ashes (cremaains). JS: this is not something that BoH has any interest in being involved with. We see no risk to public health with the memorial garden of cremaains in urns.

TK: The subject of green burials had been brought before the board, is there any additional update on this? These questions had been taken care of after we spoke with the state. A green burial in a private cemetery is not in the BoH jurisdiction, as per the state we do not have jurisdiction to put requirements on their cemetery. Town cemeteries have regulations and require a sealed cement vault. Green burials would not be allowed there.

**Breast Cancer communication and reports**

JJ: The breast cancer statement and all the reports and documents were posted to the town website.

**Board of Health information on Concussions:**

JS: the finalized concussion document from the Board has been completed and will be reviewed by the Board at our next meeting and then posted on the Website.

JJ: The Recreation Commission is looking to drill irrigation well on the soccer field behind the Town Building. The Recreation Dept. will be doing test wells to see what the depth of the water table is. We are assisting with providing information as to where the septic system and components are located. The septic and components will need to be located and shown on a plan for them to locate the areas for test wells and the review process for locating the irrigation well.

8:45 p.m. **TK: Motion to adjourn. Second JS: vote 3-0**

Respectfully submitted  
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