

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
DECEMBER 2, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Amy Wiegandt, M.D., Chairman  
Glenn M. Monterio, Member  
Thomas L. Gleason, M.D., Associate Member

Robert M. Ethier, Health Agent  
Patrick MacDonald, Health Inspector

**EXCUSED:** Frank X. DeFelice, Associate Member  
Catherine Phinney, Member

Chairman Wiegandt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., in Room 27, on the Third Floor of the Wareham Town Hall. Chairman Wiegandt moved Associate Member, Dr. Thomas Gleason to voting position in the absence of Member Catherine Phinney.

**4:00 p.m. Signing of Minutes- November 18, 2015.**

**On a motion of Dr. Wiegandt and seconded by Glenn Monterio the minutes of the meeting on November 18, 2015 were read and accepted. All in favor.**

**4:05 p.m. 419 Main Street- CVS, Mr. Joseph Iafano**

Hearing has been moved to January 20, 2015.

**Old Business:**

1. **Lodging Regulations.-** Health Agent, Robert Ethier reported Mr. David Moore, Director of Inspectional Services will attend the December 16, 2015 Lodging Regulation, Public Hearing. Mr. Ethier reported he had asked Mr. Moore to look into converting a motel to a lodging house. Mr. Moore reported: to convert a motel into a lodging house would require the following: 1. A variance through the Zoning Board of Appeals as there is no provision in the zoning by-laws for lodging houses. 2. The town recently adopted MGL 148 Section 26H which requires that lodging houses be sprinkled and a hard wire central alarm. Other than that not a problem.
2. Dr. Wiegandt stated the public meeting is being held on the 16<sup>th</sup> to help Lodging Establishment Owners and Guests understand the regulations that were voted in on November 4, 2015. The Board is available on the 16<sup>th</sup> to help answer questions, transition and understand the regulations.

### 3. New Business:

1. Health Agent, Robert Ethier reported "Back Yard Flocks" have been added to the stable inspection report due to the Mass Dept. of Public Health warnings/concerns of the Avian flu. The Avian flu is a naturally occurring viral infection in birds; primarily waterfowl (ducks and geese) caused by influenza A viruses. Humans who have certain types of exposure to infected birds can become infected with Avian influenza A viruses. When this rare event happens, the person may become very ill; however the disease does not generally spread to other people. Dept. of Public Health is requesting the public to report any sick birds. Dr. Wiegandt suggested to post on face book.

2. Mr. Ethier reported the problem with the activity in the collection of clothing and other items through donation bins in public places. The bins/containers are not being emptied regularly and are not kept clean at all times. Numerous complaints have come into the office. Mr. Ethier suggested the ban of collection bins/ containers in the Town of Wareham. Reporter, Chris Sharp from the audience suggested contacting the "No Junk" by-law committee or Selectmen to see if they have a ban in place. Dr. Wiegandt would like property owners to be responsible for the clean up and fined if an overload appears. Dr. Thomas Gleason agrees and both suggest Mr. Ethier contact town counsel to see what guidelines should be followed.

Member Glenn Monterio made a motion to invite all landowners with collection bins on their property to appear before the Board on February 3, 2015 for discussion. Dr. Thomas Gleason seconded the motion. All in favor.

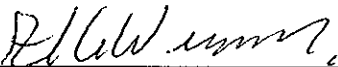
3. Discussion on underage drinking and medical marijuana. The Board would like to invite the director/operator of the Compassionate Care Clinics to discuss future programs.
4. Mr. Ethier reported he met with the Superintendent of Wareham Schools and Marion Public Health Nurse Betsey Dunn to discuss the opioid grant/underage drinking grant. At this time, no further meeting dates have been set.
5. Mr. Ethier announced the notice of vacancy for a Public Health Nurse for 10 hrs. per week has been posted in the Wareham Week. The application submittal deadline is December 3, 2015. Dr. Wiegandt suggested opening a door for the schools students/unite generations.
6. Associate Member, Frank DeFelice will submit a letter of resignation to the office sometime next week.

**HEALTH AGENTS REPORT-** See attached.

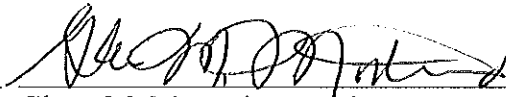
Dr. Wiegandt made a motion to close the meeting at 4:56 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Suzanne Burke, December 3, 2015

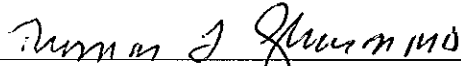
Signed and dated: 12/16/15



Amy Wiegandt, M.D., Chairman



Glenn M. Monterio, Member



Thomas L. Gleason, M.D., Acting Member