

Board of Health
Salisbury MA 01952
Meeting began at 7:00 PM

Minutes
April 2, 2013

Present: Joanne Housianitis, Thomas Hughes, Cheryl Papandrea, Monique Greilich, Robert Gallagher
Staff: Jack Morris, Jessica Mullen

Jack Card made a
Mosquito Control Presentation

Protocol for threat/risk of West Nile / EEE in regards to communication and notification was explained. When positives are received, the DPH is notified who notifies Salisbury. Suggestions are made in response to an analysis of data. Catch basins, gutters, bird baths are breeding problem areas. Resident requests to spray are honored as well as requests from BOH. Targeted spray or town spray does not eliminate risk of West Nile or EEE. People need to be responsible. Response time by town is vital. BOH needs to get virus info out to public as soon as possible through cable, newspaper etc. 24-48 hours after notification is vital. Jack Card will send out weekly updates to the BOH to keep them apprised of threats and risks. Vector Management Plan is still being worked on. Not much of a change from last year, except for incorporating a faster response from the town to the public. The longer you wait, the more the public is imperiled. It is not a good idea to spray unless there is a window of opportunity which is typically small.

Last year, there was targeted response along Salisbury/ Seabrook border due to West Nile threat. Jack Card stressed many times that a quick response to threat is vital. Reverse 911 was done last year and is a good idea. Salisbury has three preventative sprayings as well. If a call comes in, Jack should move forward with appropriate action. That should be put in the Best Management Plan. Cheryl suggested that the public receive information on cable and BOH website regarding what to do if there is a risk. Tom suggested that we have a policy regarding when to close public areas such as ball fields and when to limit outside activity. The DPH should make those recommendations. Barrier spraying and truck spraying may have limited effectiveness depending on many factors.

The Board recommended that Jack Morris develop a policy regarding emergency procedures should they be necessary. There was no motion to this effect.

Old business- Stillwater LLC, represented by Mr. John Longo, requested that a vote be taken on his motel license application. Joanne made a motion to consider issuing a motel license to Mr. Longo. Seconded by Bob Gallagher. Tom indicated that he would abstain from voting because he said he did not have enough information. Mr. Longo stated that he has four kitchenettes, a manager's apartment and four motel rooms. The four motel units are not built at this time. This is contrary to what he indicated the building components were on two other occasions. Discussion ensued regarding what constitutes a "dwelling unit" or a "motel room". Tom motioned to have the town counsel rule as to what type of license is warranted, after Mr. Longo submits his final plan. This motion was not

seconded and failed.

Joanne moved to have the board vote on the motel license application from Stillwater LLC. Bob seconded. A yes vote is to approve. No is to deny. Joanne, Cheryl, Bob, and Monique voted no. Tom abstained.

The chairperson allowed Mr. Longo to speak.

Cheryl suggested that Mr. Longo put his plan in writing and indicate in his plan for its use, especially regarding linen service, onsite management etc. Tom made a motion that town counsel review a written plan to be submitted by Mr. Longo and determine what the mix needs to be which will help Mr. Longo acquire a motel license. Monique seconded. Bob, Cheryl, and Joanne opposed. Motion failed.

Members Report:

Monique updated the board regarding the ongoing inquiry into elevated cancer rates in Salisbury. Jesse Billingham from the DPH emailed her and said that the cancer registry site is being updated and inquiries and investigation are stalled as a result. Tom Hughes requested a list of 21E sites be provided to board members for the next meeting.

Joanne advised that there was mattress dumping on Old County Road. Jack was asked to investigate.

Tom reported that there was a notification in the paper of an animal with distemper. Citizens are advised to be careful when in the the presence of wild animals.

Correspondence

None

Motion made by Tom and seconded by Bob to contact J. Webb and ask him if he can be prepared for a hearing on April 16. Unanimous vote to approve the motion. If he cannot be ready for April 16, the bearing will be held May 7.

Motion to adjourn by Monique, seconded by Tom. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Date:_____

Cheryl Papandrea

Joanne Housianitis

Robert Gallagher

Monique Greilich

Thomas Hughes