

Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2012
2:30 pm

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman

Lloyd Tarlin, MD, Secretary

Carol Hannenberg, Associate

Staff:

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator

Lenny Izzo, Director

In Attendance:

Nancy Saperstone, Human Resource Board, Liaison

Marjorie Freiman, Advisory, Liaison

Ellen Gibbs, Vice Chair, Board of Selectmen

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.

1. Administrative

a) Annual Report

Shep Cohen reviewed the Board of Health July 2011- June 2012 Annual Report.

Mr. Cohen provided a history of the Health Department, and gave a brief summary of the current operations including the inspectional services of environmental health, nursing services, emergency preparedness and response and on-going wellness community programs.

b) FY 14 Operating Budget

Shep Cohen reviewed the Board of Health approved FY14 Operating Budget as well as the memo to be presented to the Advisory Committee. The total budget has a minimal increase of 1.05% which is below the town-wide guideline.

c) Mental Health Services

The Board of Health reported on the increasing need for mental health services. Mr. Cohen reported that mental health and social service issues remain a major concern in the community that has not yet been adequately addressed. The Board is in the process of creating a part-time position for a community social worker. A job description for this position is being drafted.

d) Personnel Services

Shep Cohen reviewed the current staffing for the department and reported that the Board of Health intends to make salary and job description changes to the Administrator and Community Health Coordinator.

Mr. Cohen reviewed a memo to Executive Director, Hans Larsen (dated 8/8/2012). Mr. Cohen reported on the possible opportunities to consolidate the functions of the Occupational Health Services which are currently outsourced. In addition he reported on the possible consolidation of the School Nurses with the Health Department Nursing staff.

e) Medical Marijuana

Lenny Izzo reported that MDPH is drafting regulations for the use of medical marijuana. MDPH has 120 days to promulgate regulations.

The Board of Health adjourned this meeting at 4p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner