

**BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**  
**JUNE 4, 2002**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. Present were Chairman Philip Pattison, Members Herbert Jacobus, Dr. James Karlson and Russ Sylva. Also present were Director Steven Calichman, Health Agent Julia Junghanns and Administrative Assistant Kathy Siracusa.

Bills and payroll were signed.

8:17 p.m. **Town of Wayland North Cemetery, Public Hearing on Parcel of Land to be used for Cemetery Purposes.** Chairman Ginny Meyer and Foreman Mike Lindeman represented the Park & Recreation Commission. Mr. John Bryant, former Park & Rec Commission and funeral director was also present. The Town purchased the land in 1972 prior to Chapter 114, Section 34 and is now extending the use of the land used for cemetery by 200 plots because they need the space. Nine abutters were notified by certified mail of the hearing. Mr. Jacobus asked if there was any public health risk. Mr. Calichman said that the land consisted of Windsor soil of deep sand and gravel similar to the existing cemetery. The risk is poor drainage and contaminants from bodies in the ground. Mr. Lindeman said that all drainage is contained in the cemetery and Park & Rec abides by the strict State guidelines for burial in concrete sealed vaults. Mr. Bryant believes that concrete liners were used as early as the late 1930s. He explained that the purchase of a lot is put into a fund for future development and perpetual care. Abutter Judy Young said there is a low area in the field and her house is slightly lower but Town put in pipes under rock for runoff of dirt and it has not presented a problem. Mr. Lindeman said the drainage plan was reviewed and approved by the Planning Board and arborvitae would be used for a natural fence. **Motion to approve the use of the extension of land at North Cemetery for cemetery purposes. Vote 4 – 0.**

8:40 p.m. **Director's Report.** The Town Clerk has received a letter of resignation from Board member Susan Busch. Mr. Jacobus recognized Ms. Busch for her contribution of the hand washing educational project for kindergarteners in Wayland schools. He also thought it might be nice for Board members to take her and former member Bryan Besso to dinner. The FAST system for Mel's Plaza has been ordered. Vectolex (bacillus sphaericus) has been received for larviciding catch basins. The first round will use altosid remaining from last season. The Town Beach and all semi-public pools have been inspected by J. Junghanns prior to opening on Memorial Day weekend. Bids for leachate disposal at landfill are due on June 18, 2002. The Board of Selectmen held a grievance hearing for Bob Robinson on June 3, 2002, which was continued. John Bohall has been hired as a seasonal landfill clerk to sell stickers. Mr. Jacobus requested that Lyme disease information pamphlets be distributed in the schools, library and Town Hall. Mr. Calichman said that he was planning to copy several public health bulletins for last school newsletter, as in prior years.

9:25 p.m. **Discussion of Baldwin Pond Well field Reconnaissance.** The Board had several questions about the study and felt that additional work is needed. The consensus of the Board was to invite the Water Commissioners to a future BOH meeting to see what actions they are planning to take and to inform them of BOH interest in the study.

9:35 p.m. **Discussion of Response to Letter from Lewis Russell on Fluoride.** The Board discussed a letter from Mr. Russell to member Russ Sylva regarding the issue of adding fluoride

to the Town's water. While the Board appreciated Mr. Russell's letter, they reviewed the most current CDC recommendation on fluoride and felt that the decision to add fluoride is in the best interest of the Town.

9:50 p.m. Mr. Calichman informed the Board that a DEP Inspector visited his office on the prior day, Monday, June 3, 2002. He received an anonymous complaint through the DEP Strike Force that there was asbestos from a boiler dropped at the landfill on the previous Saturday. The caller said there was some in a box in the office at the landfill. The inspector had already been to the landfill but found the office locked because it was Monday. Mr. Calichman told him he would investigate the complaint and called Mr. Kiley to meet him at the landfill to confirm. Mr. Kiley left the landfill at 2 p.m. on that Saturday and left Mr. Currier in charge for the last few hours of opening. During that time, it appears that someone dropped an old boiler containing asbestos in the metal container and some pieces of what appeared to be asbestos broke off to the ground. A resident alerted employees about the material. The employees and Mr. Currier cleaned up the material and put it in the landfill office. When questioned, the employees said that they did not see the boiler come in, although it was so large and heavy that they lifted it with the backhoe to get it into the metal container. Mr. Calichman requested Mr. Kiley to have material in the box, as well as some material still on the boiler analyzed by a certified lab. They are now waiting for results, which will be sent to the DEP inspector immediately. Mr. Calichman suspects that the material will test positive for asbestos and will begin to get prices for abatement. He will also be checking plumbing permits recently pulled for boiler replacements and would like the police to follow up with a formal investigation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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