

BRAINTREE BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

March 24, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Philip Nedelman, Chairman
Paula Dowd, Vice Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Marybeth McGrath, Director of ML & I

Dr. Nedelman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTES:

Motion By: Mrs. Dowd to approve the minutes of December 16, 2010.
Second By: Dr. Nedelman

Motion By: Mrs. Dowd to approve the minutes of December 30, 2010.
Second By: Dr. Nedelman

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Variance of Lifeguard Provision-Turtle Crossing, 501 Commerce Drive

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that this request is a renewal of their existing lifeguard variance. Turtle Crossing is not requesting to completely eliminate their lifeguards, but rather utilize lifeguards on weekends when it is the busiest. The bather load during the week is very low, as per the bather logs that the establishment has provided to the Board to support that. Their request is to have lifeguards during the weekends and holidays, and not have lifeguards during the week and if a lifeguard is sick. The establishment already has the required warning signage posted in the pool enclosure when no lifeguard is on duty.

Motion By: Mrs. Dowd to approve the variance request
Second By: Dr. Nedelman

2. Request for Variance of Lifeguard Provision-Riverbend Condominiums, 399 Pond Street

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that this is an annual renewal of a variance that Riverbend Condominiums has had for many years. The condominiums are primarily an adult community. They have an extremely low bather load, normally two to three per day.

Motion By: Mrs. Dowd to approve the variance request
Second By: Dr. Nedelman

3. Request for Variance of Lifeguard Provision-Royal Lake Village Condominiums, 3 Royal Lake Drive

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that this is an annual renewal of a lifeguard variance that they have had for many years. The condominiums have an extremely low bather load, and sometimes have no activity on a daily basis, so they are requesting a lifeguard variance as they have in the past.

Motion By: Mrs. Dowd to approve the variance request
Second By: Dr. Nedelman

4. Request for Variance of Lifeguard Provision-Devon Wood Condominiums, 1 Devon Club Drive

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that this establishment is not requesting to eliminate lifeguards, but rather are requesting to not have lifeguards on duty when it is very low bather usage. This is usually after Labor Day weekend or when lifeguards are sick. Several years ago, this establishment installed a key gate system that only residents can enter through the clubhouse and must use their own keys.

Dr. Nedelman asked why they have lifeguards.

Ms. McGrath and Mrs. Dowd advised that it is a very large residential community in which the pool facilities are utilized significantly by the residents throughout the summer.

Motion By: Mrs. Dowd to approve the variance request
Second By: Dr. Nedelman

5. Request for Variance of Lifeguard Provision-Reservoir Crossing, 614 Pond Street

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that several years ago this establishment installed an alarmed door inside the building that allows the only access into and out of the pool enclosure by the residents, who must use of a swipe card for access to and from the pool area.

The establishment is not asking for a complete lifeguard variance. They will have lifeguards on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from May 28th through September 5th. The request for the variance is during the weekdays when the bather load is very low, after Labor Day through the middle of September weather permitting before the pool is closed for the season, and if a lifeguard is sick. The establishment also has posted in the pool enclosure all of the required warning signage.

Motion By: Mrs. Dowd to approve the variance request
Second By: Dr. Nedelman

OTHER BUSINESS:

6. 2010 Report of the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project

Ms. McGrath advised that this documentation was informational.

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that within the next few weeks she will be notifying the Board and town officials about the aerial larvicide application that occurs usually in the middle of April, weather permitting; and then the weekly ground aerosol applications that occur in the summer.

7. Request to prepare annual outdoor recreational activities/mosquito letter

Ms. McGrath requested the Boards consideration to approve the preparation and mailing of the outdoor recreational activities/mosquito letter to be sent to all outdoor sports and recreational activity programs.

Motion By: Mrs. Dowd to approve the request
Second By: Dr. Nedelman

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that the Hingham Board of Health, as the former host agency for the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative-Tobacco Control Program, as well as Elizabeth Nee, former director of SSBOHC-TCP are in the process of submitting for a Ma Department of Public Health Tobacco Control grant. They have contacted the communities that were in the Collaborative previously to inquire if we are interested in participating in the grant, which we are.

Ms. McGrath advised that if the grant is awarded, then the hope is that the former employees of the collaborative, including Gerry McLaughlin (our current tobacco compliance officer) would be involved in this grant program to assist communities participating in tobacco control.

Ms. McGrath advised that she will keep the Board updated on the grant, as information is made available to her.

Ms. McGrath advised the Board of several town programs that will be occurring in April and May as follows:

- 1) Household Hazardous Waste Collection/Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on April 30, 2011 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Ivory Street Recycling Center.
- 2) Annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic on May 7, 2011

Ms. McGrath also advised the Board that the Braintree Police Department has a new Prescription Drug Disposal kiosk in their lobby, in which residents can drop off unused/unwanted prescription medications any time. This is an effort to avoid prescription drugs from being disposed of in the trash or dumped down the sink drains or toilets at home.

Motion By:

Mrs. Dowd to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm.

Second By:

Dr. Nedelman