

**Minutes of the Carlisle Board of Health
June 7, 2011**

Present: Board Members Mark Caddell (Chair), Bill Risso, Cathy Galligan; Donna Margolies; also present: Jonathan Stevens (PB liaison); Linda Fantasia (Agent), Leslie Thomas, Cindy Craft

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by acting chairman Mark Caddell.

NEW BOARD MEMBER – The Board welcomed Margolies to her first meeting. She was elected to the position vacated by Li Nilson. Margolies is a registered nurse and has been active in the Carlisle MRC.

MINUTES – Risso asked to clarify whether the system bleed from the GSHP at 318 Maple Street will discharge to a dry well or an existing shallow well. Fantasia agreed to check and amend the minutes of April 19, 2011 if necessary. Galligan made some additional corrections.

BILLS – It was moved (Galligan) and seconded (Risso) to approve the bills as presented. Discussion – bills included salaries and office supplies. Motion passed 4-0-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Planning Board Liaison – Jonathan Stevens was present. Stevens explained that he was interested in the latest efforts to address the noise issue at Chestnut Estates. Caddell gave a brief summary of the Board's actions to date which included consideration of a local noise regulation which was later replaced with a recommended noise abatement protocol. The Board had questions on the legality of the local regulation and its enforceability. Town counsel had issued an opinion but the Board wanted to wait until the next meeting to discuss it so that a full Board would be present. Galligan further explained that the Planning Board had indicated its intention of preparing a general bylaw but it would not be ready until the 2012 town meeting. Galligan said she had done a good deal of research on noise pollution. She was willing to work with the Planning Board or a subcommittee on the issue. She noted that it was the ram hoe activity at Chesnut Estates that brought the problem forward in Carlisle. This activity is very unique in the sound it creates not only for decibel level, but tone and duration. She had researched regulations in other towns to get some background for a local regulation. Risso said the Board had decided that instead of a local interim regulation it would recommend a policy for dealing with noise complaints. For example if a developer intending to use a ram hoe, and notified abutters, they could arrange their day accordingly. Communication had totally broken down at Chestnut Estates by the time the Board became involved. There was disagreement on the number of days and hours when the ram hoe was in use. Better record keeping would have shown if the machine was being used excessively. Another complication was the 1000' blasting survey required by the Planning Board. Abutters also questioned whether the ram hoe was being used to save money since the developer owned the machine and whether the age of the machine or operator skill made a difference. Following a site visit, DEP made some noise mitigation recommendations that were not acted upon. The Board agreed that the Chestnut Estates development was problematic for a number of reasons whereas the Board had never received a complaint about other sites in town. Should the Board or Planning Board decide to regulate noise through a regulation or bylaw it will need to be fair and uniform. It will also require measureable standards in order to be enforceable. Taking readings, maintaining equipment, training personnel will cost money. Risso said it is easier to enforce standards for industry, but more difficult for construction sites which can have unknown problems. Stevens asked if ground shocks were a problem. The Board said no, it was only the noise factor that bothered abutters. Galligan said she would be happy to share her research with the Planning Board. Stevens said the Planning Board will probably consider town counsel's opinion at their next meeting on 6/13/11. Galligan may attend.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Hazardous Waste – 106 (22 full, 84 half). Risso, Margolies Brem and Fantasia staffed the collection. A small container of raw mercury was left at the Transfer Station. Rather than waiting for the next mercury pick up, Clean Harbors agreed to dispose of it as one full car.

Tennessee Gas Line – Vegetation management plan. Not much information was provided other than a map showing the pipeline location in Carlisle. The Mass. Dept of Agricultural Resources issued a permit under 333 CMR 11.00 for the years 2011 through 2015. The work is also regulated under the MA Pesticide Control Act. The Board would like to know how private wells were located in the area and whether there are any within the proposed work area.

Summer Farmer's Market – organizers Leslie Thomas and Cindy Craft appeared before the Board to request a permit. They provided the Board with a list of usual vendors. Not all vendors show up for every market. They hope to have a community table with proceeds going to a charitable organization. Since this was the first time the Board would issue a permit for the summer market, there was discussion on what kind of licensing was required. Galligan read the DPH Guidelines for Farmer's Markets which states that the Board is obligated to permit retail vendors. The Board had issued a permit for the winter market and felt it was appropriate to permit both. Fantasia had been contacted by Lyn-Dell Farms who would like to sell frozen meat. Their meat is processed at a USDA approved facility. They are still working on a refrigeration plan. They would like to hook up a portable freezer but this may not be possible since Kimball's will not allow a diesel generator. Thomas and Craft gave a brief summary of the market operation and how they manage vendors. They have had training in farmer's markets and worked with the previous organizers. The market provides hand washing stations with sanitizers and soap. Some baked goods are sold and they are appropriately labeled with ingredients. The Board noted that there have been no problems or complaints with previous markets and felt confident that the current managers will do a good job. The summer market is very popular in Carlisle.

It was moved (Risso) and seconded (Margolies) to issue a seasonal permit to the Carlisle Summer Farmer's Market. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Great Brook State Park (841 Lowell Street) – the ranger office is being demolished and a new office and garage built. This requires a new septic tank and pump chamber to tie-in to the existing distribution box. The Board received a copy of DEP's Notice of Technical Deficiency on the proposed plan. Fantasia spoke with Claire Golden of DEP. Since the state is its own approving authority there is no need for a local review. Golden agreed to have the design engineer provide copies of the plan to the Board since the property is located in Carlisle.

Vaccine Allocation – the free state vaccine is limited to non-insured or underinsured people. Allocations have been reduced. If the Board wants to run a public clinic, it will need to purchase vaccine. The Board expects to receive a reimbursement for last year's clinic which could be used for this purpose. Fantasia said some towns have set up a revolving account for these reimbursements. DPH recommends that all children receive the flu vaccine this year. Galligan asked what impact there would be if the town did not run a clinic. It was decided that although most children do see a pediatrician at some point during the year, it may not be during flu season. Caddell felt the clinics were an opportunity for the Board to exercise its pandemic planning. Stevens noted that protecting children also protects elderly. Margolies said there is a definite benefit to herd immunity in a classroom. Fantasia will look into vaccine costs for the next meeting. The Board will check with Larry Barton about starting a revolving account.

Housing Inspection for Mold – Fantasia was called to do an inspection by the Carlisle Police but was not available. Evidence of mold was observed by the Police and Drug Enforcement Agency during a drug raid on a local residence. Marijuana plants were being grown in the basement. The mold which was visible in the basement was most likely a product of the high humidity. Fantasia later followed up with the Police, Building Inspector and Dept of Social Services who had been contacted because of young children in the household. Mold is not covered under the State Sanitary Code. There are no regulatory standards on mold so issuing an order to vacate the premise might be difficult for the Board. DEP's policy is that if mold is visible it should be removed. The Board questioned under what legal authority it could require the mold to be removed or the house vacated. The children were seen by their pediatrician. DSS will follow up with the family and Police charges may be pending.

Housing Training - \$250 for 3-day course including field inspections. Fantasia would like to take the course which is a recommended credential for LBOH. Carlisle does not often get inspection calls, but if there is a call it is usually serious. The Board agreed that Fantasia should attend the course.

It was moved (Galligan) and seconded (Risso) for the Board's agent to attend the three day Housing Inspection Course offered by Mass. Health Officers Association. 4-0-0.

School Food Safety – MDPH requires semi-annual inspections. Fantasia said this is what Carlisle is doing now.

Title 5 Inspections and Filtration Systems – Inspection reports sometimes note if a water filtration system discharges into the leaching field which is no longer legal. The Board agreed that a letter should be sent to owners recommending that the discharge be directed to a dry well and not the septic system. The Board agreed to submit an article to the Mosquito about water filtration systems and septic maintenance. Information will be available at OHD.

Preparing for DEP Budget Cuts – the Board received a memo from MHOA which talked about the state budget cuts resulting in staff reductions. More responsibilities are being placed on the local approving authorities. The Board should consider these additional duties during budget preparation.

Emergency Dispensing Site Planning – the Board agreed to a lump sum contract of \$2000 to hire Kathleen Bond to update and revise the EDS Plan based on comments from the technical review audit and the recent After Action Report. The work will be paid for from a PHEP Grant.

Risk Communication Table Top – Fantasia, Galligan and Margolies will attend the exercise in Weston. The Board discussed how Carlisle residents would be notified in case of a tornado such as the one in western Mass. last week. Board members had heard that a few residents received a Reverse 911 call from another town. Fantasia assured the Board that Carlisle did not send out an alert through BlackBoard Connect because Carlisle was under a tornado watch not a tornado warning. According to Dave Flannery there is a fire horn signal of 9-9 to warn of a tornado. The Board questioned how many residents were aware of this. It was suggested a tornado siren might work better. There could be grant funding available. Carlisle has a protocol of who can send out town wide alerts and what approvals are required.

Barns Fees – are still coming in following calls to unpaid households.

Final Composting Guidelines were distributed and put on the website. There were no comments from gardeners or ConsCom. The Guideline was distributed by Garden Manager to all plot holders.

There was no further business discussed. Meeting voted to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Fantasia
Recorder