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Board of Health Minutes 03-20-2002

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

4:00 p.m., Fox Community Center

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen (Chair), Mr. Gregory Leonardos, Mr. Mark Fingerle
Board of Health Staff in Attendance: Joseph Carabello (Health Compliance Officer), Christine Connolly (Health Compliance Officer), Marie Walsh (Director of Public Health)
Town of Arlington Staff in Attendance: Jonathan Jalbert (Superintendent of Recreation), Patsy Kraemer (Director of Human Services)

- I. Minutes of December 12, 2001 meeting accepted as written.
- II. Minutes of February 6, 2002 meeting accepted as written.
- III. Marie Walsh presented draft regulations that the Massage Therapy Regulations Review Committee created. Credentialing of separate bodywork modalities was discussed and Ms. Walsh reported that the committee determined an educational component of at least 500 hours of study should be uniformly required. Ms. Walsh will ask Town Counsel to review the draft and a public hearing to adopt the changes will be held at the next meeting.
- IV. Ms. Walsh presented a letter from a resident concerned about arsenic in pressure treated wood. After reviewing the letter, Ms. Walsh tested a surface of wood at the Skyline Park at Robbins Farm, and the sample tested positive. Joseph Carabello discussed an inventory of pressure treated wood at parks that he conducted with Jonathan Jalbert. Mr. Jalbert stated that the Recreation Department will take a proactive approach at dealing with this issue, including painting surfaces of benches and picnic tables, and implementing recommendations from the Board of Health. Ms. Walsh will gather information about the risks posed by arsenic and collect 5 to 10 samples for data about the presence of arsenic on other structures in our parks.
- V. Next Meeting: April 24, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.