



## Board of Health – Town of Spencer

### *Minutes*

Board of Health Meeting  
Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6:30 PM  
McCourt Social Hall  
Memorial Town Hall

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Board of Health Members present: Lynda Laine (Chairman), Dan Shields

Board of Health Members absent: Rodney Foisy

Staff present: Lee Jarvis, Health Agent

*The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.*

#### **Minutes & Correspondence**

January 5, 2009 – *A motion to accept the minutes (Shields/Laine) passed 2/0.*

**Tobacco:** Mr. Jarvis said the smoking rate for people during pregnancy in Spencer is 94% higher than the overall rate in the state. The town is 28% higher for adult smokers than the overall rate in the state.

**Budget Cuts:** Ms. Laine asked if the money from the reimbursement of the flu clinic could be used towards the fluoride program. Mr. Jarvis said no because if the flu clinic money is used then that money would have to come out of some other account.

**Rabies Clinic:** The rabies clinic has to be done within a year of the previous clinic because shots are good for one year or three years. Because the clinic was done in the beginning of April last year, the clinic this year would have to be done at the end of March when it is still very cold. Ms. Laine said that she does not want to have it in March; it is still too cold for people that have to stand in line. The Board decided to have the clinic on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**126 Main Street:** The building is deteriorating and there are a lot of problems with tenants. Mr. Jarvis did a code inspection and cited approximately 20 items that needed to be repaired. The landlord, Michael Joubert, never responded and did nothing. After 45 days, Mr. Jarvis tried to bring Mr. Joubert to housing court and Mr. Joubert defaulted. The Judge then issued an injunctive order stating that Mr. Joubert had so many days to comply. After 30 days, Mr. Joubert was called back to court and defaulted again. The Judge issued a Capias Warrant and a fine of \$500. Mr. Jarvis wrote a letter to Mr. Joubert stating that the warrant and fine were issued and asking Mr. Joubert to voluntarily appear in court on February 4, 2009 with the \$500 fine. Mr. Joubert has not responded. If Mr. Joubert does not show up on February 4<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Jarvis will recommend a receiver

for the Judge to appoint for the building. All the rents will go to the receiver. 20% of the rents up to \$400 will go to the receiver and the rest of the money is used for utilities and repairs. Mr. Jarvis said that all taxes and utilities are paid up to date.

**LUA – Van Norman – 23 Westland Drive** – sas to the abutters well is 80' - Mr. Jarvis explained the plan. The members reviewed the plan. *A motion was made to accept the plan (Laine/Shields) passed 2/0.*

**Transfer Station:** Mr. Shields would like to attend a Board of Selectman meeting and present the idea of creating a solar station on the site of the transfer station. The Board of Health Members would be happy to do whatever needs to be done for the solar station. Mr. Jarvis said that it would probably be better to present this at a Selectman's workshop meeting. That way the idea can be brought up at the Selectman's meeting and presented to the public. Mr. Shields believes the Town will benefit significantly from this. Mr. Jarvis will get the Selectman's workshop schedule tomorrow and will call Mr. Shields.

*A motion was made to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. (Laine/Shields) passed 2/0.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Daoust, Clerk  
Development & Inspectional Services