

Acton Board of Health

October 3, 2011



TOWN CLERK, ACTON

Members Present: Mark Conoby, Chairman, Bill McInnis, Joanne Bissetta, Dr. William Taylor, and Michael Kreuze

Staff Present: Doug Halley Health Director, Isabel Roberts and Weiyuan Sun

Others Present: Peggy Mikkola and Mr. Jim Snyder Grant

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm

#### **Review of the Acton 2020 Recommendations**

Mr. Snyder was present to update the Board on the Acton 2020 implementation plan. The Comprehensive Community Plan is a vision for the Town of Acton in the next 15-20 years. The plan outlines new business, new sub divisions and sidewalks to name a few. The Comprehensive Community plan focuses on water quality protection and quantity, transportation, economics and how to improve growth and vision of Town of Acton in 2020. The board questioned the zoning changes, 40B projects and small units that have been developed. The Board also questioned how the plan protects against the increased road traffic, school sizes, parking fields at schools, transportation, wastewater treatment, recycling program, emergency large shelter planning, and water supply quality. Mr. Halley mentioned that Health Department is actively responsible for transportation-Dial-a-Ride program and twice a year for household Hazardous Waste Day program. These programs address some of the 2020 issues. Mr. Snyder thanked the board for their concerns and stated that he will incorporate these concerns in the draft plan public meeting on November 19, 2011.

#### **Public Health Regionalization Update**

Mr. Halley provided a status report to the Board regarding the MetroWest Public Health District Planning Grant Project. Since May 13, communities have participated in a District Incentive

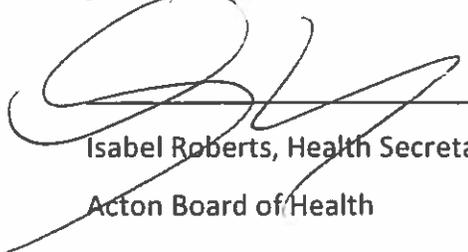
Grant for the purpose of developing a regional effort to increase the public health capacity of each of the communities. The collective vision is to better provide the CDC's recommended 10 Essential Services of Public Health to the regions residents. The next step in the process would be for the communities to apply for a DIG implementation grant. However, after reviewing the conditions of the implementation grant the MetroWest group decided not to pursue the grant based on severe concerns brought by the participant communities. Those include the perspective that the competitive grant project would favor comprehensive regional projects and not a targeted project as identified by the MetroWest group; a requirement of fiscal and political commitment within 70 days; the cost of completing a Community Health Assessment for all member communities; and a commitment to cease cutting of public health funding. The Board asked if any additional efforts will be made for a regional project. Mr. Halley stated that the MetroWest group will continue to explore opportunities for sharing nursing services that are realistic and beneficial.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Ms. Bissetta, seconded by Mr. McInnis, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:58PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*For Isabel Roberts*



Isabel Roberts, Health Secretary  
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Mark Conoby, Chairman  
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