

Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA

Meeting Minutes

August 20,2009

Present: Marlayne Brace, William Herd, Tim Holiner, Steve Kruskall, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Matthew Schmid, Paul Tedesco, Diane Fielding.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of 6-25-09

1. **Presentation: "Private Property Management in an LD tick-infested Area" - Paul T based on Jim T manuscript, on file in the BoH.**

Highlights of the presentation were:

- home owners can and should get involved to prevent ticks from spreading on their property
- reduction of leaves and brush at the borders of property is a first step
- specific areas can be sprayed with effective sprays (like Bio Spot, Martin's Permethrin, Pre-Strike Yard and others)
- Damminix Tick Tubes (www.ticktubes.com) are very useful to help reduce the tick population on the mice that live under leaves and brush of properties; Tubes have to be placed twice a year (Spring and Fall) at a cost of \$85.00 per half acre.
- treatment of pets that go into the infested areas is recommended (Frontline or any product recommended by the vet).
- a somewhat unusual but very effective way to reduce ticks on your property is to raise guinea fowl

<http://www.lymediseasepa.com/GuineaHens.htm>

2. Update on Speaker date and title of presentation - Steve K

Outcome:

Diane informed the LDC that the BoH is able to cover a honorarium and travel expenses for Dr. Lepore to come to speak to the LDC. Steve will try to ascertain his commitment and date.

3. Update on additional data from LD survey - Marlayne B

Outcome:

A very detailed analysis essentially confirmed the initial results reported on May 21, 2009. Additional insights were rendered based on the number of individuals treated more than once (39), the number of cases treated for long-term LD (3), and some cases (NOS) had to be treated with intravenous antibiotics. The report in its entirety is on file with the Dover Board of Health.

- 4. Update on distribution of LD information at BoH and Town Library display cabinets – Barbara RS and Diane F**

Outcome:

Two different display cases have been added to the Library reading area. They contain not only handouts and brochures on Lyme Disease, but also on H1N1 Flu. The display case at the BoH office is going to be placed within a few days: all brochures, handouts and cards are stockpiled in the Office.

- 5. Update on LD web link – Diane F**

Outcome:

The best weblink on Lyme Disease was provided :

<http://www.medscape.com/resource/lyme-disease?src=mp&spon=3&uac=98134HY>

It will be included in the BoH website under the LD link – Tim H volunteered to help Diane in this process.

- 6. ‘Lyme Disease Forum’: presentation, discussion, and plan - Barbara RS**

Outcome:

No final solution was found on this subject. It was agreed that each LDC member will reconsider the project and a final resolution will be sought at the next meeting.

- 7. Outstanding business**

What is deer-car accident impact in Dover? – Barbara RS

Outcome:

**The following data provided by Officer Meau of the Dover Police Department:
During the period from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009**

**There were 55 Deer vs Motor Vehicle reports in Dover
(Listing available in BoH thanks to Dover PD)**

This compares to 3 such accidents 25 years ago (approximation by Officer Meau).

Respectfully submitted on 9/10/09

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