

Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA

Minutes

Of Meeting held on June 11, 2009

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

Absent: William Herd

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of 5-21-09**
2. **Presentation/Discussion:** “Tick risk management at the personal level including tick removal, safety and use of DEET and of Permethrin,” – Barbara R-S

BRS presentation to LDC consisted of the following four approaches to educate and advise Dover residents of all ages to learn about and to attempt prevention of LD.

A. In elementary schools (grades 3, 4, and 5)

Tick Talk!

http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/cdc/lyme/teachers_guide.rtf

Recommended Action: Barbara R-S is to speak with the superintendent of schools for distributing LD educational materials for Elementary Schools (Grades 3, 4, and 5) as well as implementing some teaching, possibly still this year, but certainly next.

B. In public spaces like parks, playgrounds, reservations etc.

Obtain, if possible, Tick Cards from Barnstable County Cooperative:

Recommended Action: Barbara R-S to obtain cards and LDC to distribute in town for public display and pick-up at offices of BoH and Town Clerk; at Dover Market, Higgins, Banks, Library, etc.

Obtain, if possible, Tick Caution Signs from Barnstable County Cooperative

Recommended Action: Barbara R-S and Paul T to obtain signs for public display at the Playing Fields, Snow Hill, Trustee Land, Dump, Chase Woodlands, Chickering Field and other sites

Outcome: Received both tick cards (2000) and signs (10)

C. Provide extensive self-educational material at the BoH (new cabinet on wall devoted to LD) and in the Dover library

Obtain and maintain up-to-date permanent exhibition derived from wide information base concerning:

1. Lyme Disease:

Based on Public Health Fact Sheets provided by mass.gov at its official website of office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS); all links and references available at BoH office.

2. Information on use of DEET and Permethrin:

Based on Public Health Fact Sheet "Preventing Disease Spread by Ticks" provided by mass.gov at its official website of office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS); all links and references available at BoH office.

Recommended Action: BoH to accumulate material for display in both locations

D. Create and provide LD link on dsctv.com

Construct and maintain LD website with all references and background material on LD and other tick-borne diseases

Recommended Action: Tim H to research possibilities, cost, feasibility etc

3. Other outstanding Business

Further review of town LD survey

**Respectfully Submitted
Barbara Roth-Schechter, Ph.D.
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