

Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA

Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2011
10:00 AM - Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Tim Holiner, Paul Tedesco, Beth Webb, George Giunta, Matthew Schmid, Barbara Roth-Schechter

Absent: Steve Kruskall, Bill Herd, Jim Palmer, Mike Francis, Jay Walsh, Diane Fielding

- 1. Review and Approval of the Final Minutes of Feb 17 meeting**
- 2. Presentation of DMP reports to stake holders, adjacent towns, Board of Selectmen**

The reports were sent to the Board of Selectmen, the Dover public land stakeholders and the BOH of several adjacent towns.

- 3. Invitation to join DMP to Dover Residents (content and format)**

It was decided to use more than one approach: Beth agreed to draft a reverse 911 call to alert residents about the coming letter. Beth also agreed to draft the subsequent letter to all Dover residents; both will be finalized at the March 17 meeting.

In addition, it was discussed whether the hunters will have to sign a blanket waiver for any responsibility on private land. A final decision on this issue will also be made on March 17.

- 4. Educational campaign in town and schools – content and approach**

A health Advisory similar to last year's will be distributed via the school nurses to all schools (Regional, Chickering, Charles River) as well as tick cards. Beth will look into the possibility of including LD in the curriculum enrichment program.

Similar to last year, there will be a Health Advisory on the front page of the Dover website.

Barbara reported that Diane had negotiated a coupon program for Daminix tick tubes. This will be implemented together with a YouTube presentation (Tim) of

preparing home-made tick tubes for property protection. The Daminix company will also be asked to provide some tubes free of charge for the playground (possibly in return for a sign explaining and thus advertising their intended function.) To be discussed more extensively on March 17.

5. Approach to press inquiries and press releases

Subsequent to further press inquiries by the Boston Globe, the implementation of a press policy was discussed. The following suggestions were considered: have one spokes person for the BOH-LDC, have a set of talking points, provide written communications only, refer to Meeting Minutes exclusively. A final decision will be made on March 17.

6. Report of Regional Effort – D. Linsky

Barbara was asked to attend an organizational meeting by State Representative David Linsky. It was attended by Mass DPH, Mass Wildlife, Chairs Medfield BOH and Dover BOH. The points explored were animals that serve as tick hosts, current host control methods, other control methods, and impact on the Commonwealth. Mr. Linsky is planning to release a report about LD within several weeks.