

**Lyme Disease Committee
of the
Board of Health
Dover, MA**

**Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2012**

Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Matthew Schmid, Tim Holiner, Steve Kruskall, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Paul Tedesco, George Giunta, Jim Palmer, Meagan Burns, Diane Fielding

Absent: Mike Francis, Jay Walsh

1. Review and Approval of the Minutes of July 26, 2012 meeting

2. DPH Intern Program – Meagan, All

Meagan presented her Abstract which she submitted to the Internship Committee. The abstract was reviewed and discussed.

Meagan will have to present a poster and possibly a Power Point Presentation at the occasion of the MDPH Local Health Internship Closing Session on Wednesday 8/22/12. A review by interested LDC members is scheduled for Monday, August 20, at 7:30 in the lower Level Conference room.

3. Continuation of DPH Intern Program – All

The members of the LDC unanimously agreed that this year's DPH intern program was successful and that the BOH – LDC should continue with this program during 2013. Barbara will inform Mr. Osborne of this decision.

4. Potential Lyme Disease Forum-All

The following tentative decisions were reached:

- **The forum should be REGIONAL in character and have a more inclusive name as it will present/discuss several tick-borne diseases; hence potentially TICK-BORNE DISEASE FORUM.**

- **The forum should be scheduled for the second week of April 2013, ideally on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, i.e., the 9th or 10th of April. This is the week preceding Spring Vacation (4/15-4/19) and the town calendar is open.**
- **This Forum should be an expert forum with invited speakers on 3 subjects: Tick-borne Diseases, Tick prevention (personal and property), Environment Management. Experts are likely to be members of the Governor's Lyme Commission. Targeted timing is from 7 to 9:30 or 10:00 pm**
- **The Forum is expected to draw a significant regional crowd of residents of both Dover and surrounding towns. It therefore should be held at the Lindquist Auditorium in the Dover MS. Surrounding booths will be prepared by the LDC and possibly some commercial enterprises (f.e. tick tubes?) with the intent of dispensing practical information materials.**
- **Barbara is asked to contact Valerie Spriggs for her input about the Forum and reservation for Lindquist Common.**
- **Follow-up by Barbara who met with Valerie on August 14 with the following outcome:**
 - o **Valerie is very much in favor of the Regional Forum (Barbara shared the tick data on regional fields) and reserved April 10 at 7 pm at Lindquist Common.**
 - o **She recommended to have Rep. David Linsky as invited representative for the Governor's Lyme Commission to introduce the Regional Effort (she knows him well).**
 - o **She is much in favor of having some HS seniors be part of the LDC educational program (with them attending soccer games, be at the library etc.)**

5. Update on Governor's LD Commission - Barbara

The Commission Report is in draft format and will be finalized by the end of summer.

6. DMP initiatives time lines – All

New properties have joined the DMP, but there is no need to recruit more hunters and all the Rules and Regulations are the same as in the preceding hunting seasons.

7. Dissemination of Tick-borne Diseases Information

Meagan reminded the LDC of the many inquiries she received in the Dover area when dragging for our tick density project. People were eager to learn about Lyme and how to protect themselves. She suggested an organization of students/boy scouts/volunteers to be posted strategically for the dissemination of tick information. Possible venues could be Caryl Park, Noanet woods entrance, Powisset, Hale etc. Barbara will explore this idea with Valerie Spriggs, as it might be organized by a Science teacher and be part of HS requirement (see above).