

**Board of Health
Public Hearing
September 24, 2008**

The Board of Health held a public hearing on September 24, 2008 in the Lakeville Town Office Building. The hearing was called to order by Chairman Turcotte at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Terrence Flynn, William Garvey and Jennifer Turcotte. Larry Perry, Health Agent, Nancy Teser, Board of Health Supervisor and Jennifer Jewell, recording secretary, were also present.

Equine Stable Regulations & Amended Fee Schedule

Chairman Turcotte read the legal notice. There was a review of the previous meetings held to discuss the regulations and fees.

Laurice Hedges, 97 Highland Road, voiced concern regarding the limitation on the number of horses on small lots and the fee calculations for private vs. boarding stables. Andrew Mastrodomenico, 12 Galfre Road, discussed the existing and proposed cost per stall. Member Garvey stated that the fees are used to pay the salary of the Animal Inspector and Member Flynn reviewed the methodology for calculating the fees. Donna Winters, 17 Montgomery Street, questioned the difference between a boarding stable and commercial farm permit. Ms. Teser stated that a commercial farm permit would be used to allow cow, steer, etc.

There was a review of the Animal Inspector's duties. Chris Travis, 23 Galfre Road, questioned whether there was additional funding available for the position. Member Garvey stated that a fee increase was done in response to a recommendation made by the Finance Committee as there is no money available in the budget for this salary. It was noted that any restrictions on the number of horses, based on lot size, was done in keeping with Title V regulations and to provide protection for any nearby wells and septic systems. The Board stated that the stable regulations and fee schedule are the first to be revised and that other permits requiring animal inspection will be done in the future. There was discussion regarding the amount of income generated by the stable permit fees.

It was stated that a new permit application for more than three horses will require review by the Board and an increase in the number of stalls will be reviewed by the Board on a case by case basis. Upon motion made by Member Garvey and seconded by Member Flynn the Board

VOTED: To close the hearing regarding the Equine Stable Regulations and Amended Fee Schedule. Unanimous vote.

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VOTED: To adjourn the hearing at 7:30 p.m. Unanimous vote.