

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Tuesday, November 3, 2015

The Board of Health held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Present were Dr. Mary T. Brophy, M.D., Board Member; George F. Fiske, III, Board Member; Dr. Craig S. Andrade, Board Member; Louis E. Tartaglia, Jr., Executive Health Officer.

1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Health Meeting held on October 6, 2015.
2. Approved the fees collected by the Department for the month of September 2015.
3. Dr. John Fisher, Chair of The Better Oral Health for Massachusetts Coalition (BOHMAC) and a Salem Practicing dentist, spoke at length of the need for fluoridation in our City's water supply and of the benefits of fluoridation for City residences pertaining to sound oral health. Charles Kennedy, New Bedford Water Division Superintendent and Head Treatment Plant Operator, in a conference- call gave a broad overview of the technical management of CWF including New Bedford's maintenance costs and other related financial and technical considerations.
4. After numerous discussion and questions, the three member Board voted to have the City's water supply brought up to the optimum level of 7 ppm; and to proceed to the next level to implement.
5. Scheduled the next Board of Health meeting for December 1, 2015.