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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Thursday, August 2, 2018

The Board of Health held its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 4:30 P.M. in the basement of City Hall, Brockton, MA.

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

1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Health Meeting held on June 7, 2018.
2. Approved the fees collected by the Department for the months of June and July 2018.
3. T. Stephen Jones, M.D. discussed the health risks of methane “natural” gas such as gas stoves that can aggravate asthma of kids in the home. Dr. Jones asked the Board to consider:
 - The health risks of the in-home use of methane “natural” gas stoves and of natural gas infrastructure (pipelines, compressors, and storage facilities) in Massachusetts and
 - Based on those risks, writing to the Governor asking him to require Comprehensive Health Impact Assessments evaluating the health risks of any new or expanded natural gas infrastructure projects be completed before a project is approved.

Dr. Andrade stated that a more comprehensive study is needed, i.e. MDPH plus others, before a vote could be taken. Dr. Andrade will spread this information to his colleagues at MDPH.
4. Continued the discussion of applying for the Denta Quest grant. Tobias Cowans and Louis Tartaglia were given the task of writing the draft proposal for the Board to review before sending it to Denta Quest.
5. Scheduled the next Board of Health meeting for September 6, 2018 at 4:30 P.M.