

Meeting: 10/5/2016
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Oral Health Commission – 10/5/2016

The meeting was held in the town offices at 5:30 PM

Present: Mary Lou Albert, Marylou Chicote, Jackie Kelly, Don Miller, Jim Carroll,

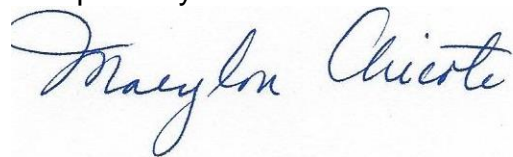
Attending : Rory Price, Dick Bower, Alex Tenentes, Kathy Vogel,

First line of business was to adjust the minutes from August to change the spelling of Jackie *Kelley* to Jackie **Kelly**.

- Don Miller had distributed a progress report of the commission. He presented a copy of ideas for discussion based on his summary of the discussion at the previous meeting.
- Jackie Kelly suggested we review our mission. Don responded that our mission is clear and that it simply is to advise the Select Board on matters of Oral Health in the community. He added that in order to do that, we need to have an understanding of what is working in the community now and what is not.
- Marylou C. commented that the Bennington Oral Health Coalition considers community water fluoridation an important public health measure to prevent decay and expects to raise that issue again.
- Mary Lou A. said she is very much opposed to fluoridation of the public water and thinks that the recent PFOA concerns will strengthen public rejection of fluoridation.
- Jackie said that she would like to raise the issue of parental permissions with the School Board, of which she is a member; there were no objections.
- It was suggested to invite the superintendant of schools, Jim Culkeen, to attend the next or a future meeting to discuss the problem of parent co operation with the program in the Middle School and future program in the High School.

The next meeting date and time will be determined later.

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Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marylou Chicote". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marylou Chicote