

Efforts to stop community water fluoridation: Plainfield, Burlington and Bradford

Plainfield will vote at their town meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd on a resolution to that proposes to discontinue community water fluoridation.

Bradford The Water and Sewer Board Commissioners have rescinded, within 48 hours, their decision to suspend the fluoridation program. They will re-evaluate this at a meeting some time following Town Meeting.

Update on the Burlington fluoridation issues.

The Burlington City Council received a request from the members of the city board of health to discontinue the city's community water fluoridation program. The City Council has taken no action on this request.

Also a petition that was being circulated in the city of Burlington to have a resolution placed on the Ballot for Town Meeting Day failed to obtain the required number of signatures. There will not be a resolution on the ballot at this years town meeting.

The petition read:

Shall the city of Burlington be advised to STOP THE ADDITION OF FLUOROSILICATE INDUSTRIAL WASTE byproducts ("co-products") to the city's drinking water and refrain from adding any substances that will increase contaminant levels above or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLG)?

See Appendix B below from Linda Greaves, VDH Fluoridation Technician to To Vermont community water system operators. Also – a special thanks to VSDS members Dr. Chuck Bookwalter for stepping up to the plate and testifying and contacting city councilors on this Burlington issue and to doctors Jim and Charlie Barton for their efforts in Bradford and Dr. Paul Davoren for his work in Plainfield.

The Vermont Department of Health and the Vermont State Dental Society continue to aggressively support community water fluoridation –

APPENDIX B

Subject: News on Burlington water fluoridation issue

Re the fluoridation issue in the news about Burlington's Board of Health Resolution to the City Council on the issue to discontinue fluoridation.

The Board of Health based its resolution on old facts which were disputed in the 2005 campaign and again in January 2009. The Burlington City Council is continuing its support of community water fluoridation with the statement that there are no new findings, fluoride is safe for its citizens in Burlington @ 1.0 ppm. There are no new findings on fluoride that has given the City of Burlington any reason not to fluoridate.

The petition circulating in the City of Burlington by the SWAB action network (related to Fluoride Action Network) did not received nearly enough signatures or support, so that will not be on the March Ballot.

In Vermont, we are staying within the range of 0.70 ppm-1.20 ppm, way below the levels that would involve health risks. We are at a safe level and still receive the benefits for better oral health.