

ARTICLE 11

MOVED:

That the Town adopt the following resolutions:

Section 1. Call upon the Town, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, School Department and any other relevant committees to consider how they might learn about, publicize, and encourage town residents to get involved, on a voluntary basis, to invite people, committees, and organizations to focus on the issues, risks, and alternatives to mercury amalgam in dentistry during the coming year.

Section 2. To call upon President of the United States to direct the Food and Drug Administration to follow the recommendations of its 2010 Scientific Advisory Panel to restrict amalgam use effective immediately.

ARTICLE 12

MOVED:

That the Town amend the General By-laws by adding a new Article 41, entitled "Regulation of the Use of Dental Mercury Amalgam" as follows:

Section 1: All dental practices in the Town of Sharon shall display health and safety warnings, contraindications, and precautions, clearly visible and distributed to all patients, on the use of mercury dental amalgam comparable in wording and graphics to warnings placed by manufacturers on shipping dental amalgam, mercury, and amalgam alloy to dentists as required by the FDA:

- WARNING - CONTAINS MERCURY
- May be harmful if vapors are inhaled
- Do not use in persons with a known mercury allergy
- Do not place the device in direct contact with other types of metals
- Use with adequate ventilation

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Section 2: All dental practices in the Town of Sharon shall display a health and safety warning clearly visible and distributed to all patients on the potential risks of repair, replacement, removal and polishing of mercury dental amalgam, with guidelines on questions to ask your dentist.

Section 3. All dental practices in the Town of Sharon shall be required to have patients sign specific informed consent forms, with a copy to the patient and retained by the dentist, before:

- a. Mercury dental amalgam materials may be placed in them
- b. Mercury dental amalgam may be repaired, replaced, removed or polished, and
- c. Mercury dental amalgam is placed, or is left to remain, after any restorative dental work is completed, in direct contact with other types of metals in teeth.

Section 4. The Board of Health shall enforce the provisions of this By-law and shall adopt appropriate policies and procedures to effectuate the purposes of this By-law by July 1, 2013.

ARTICLE 13

MOVED:

That the Town vote to request the Town (Board of Selectmen) and the School Department (Sharon Public Schools), when it comes time to re-bid their dental plans, to request quotes on "cost neutral" plans that pay the same percentage toward all dental fillings, whether they are mercury amalgam or alternatives, in all teeth in any part of the mouth; and to offer such a plan to employees in addition to or instead of a non-cost neutral dental plan.

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