

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes of Meeting
August 19, 2019

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Chairwoman Jeannine Lopes, Michael Silvia and Peter DeTerra. Also present: Mary Freire-Kellogg, Health Agent and Amanda Blais, Administrative Assistant.

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Before the Board:

Chairwoman Lopes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2019. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed septic repair plans for 68 Winsegansett Avenue. The Health Agent informed the Board that this property is to be reviewed before the Conservation Commission on August 26, 2019. Mr. DeTerra mentioned the septic on the proposed plan is an advanced treatment system and he did not have any issues with the proposed plan. The Health Agent also informed the Board that the proposed system is against Town property. Motion to approve the septic repair plans for 68 Winsegansett Avenue pending Conservation Commission approval was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed septic repair plans for 350 New Boston Road. Mr. DeTerra abstained from discussion, as he owns property that is near this location. The Health Agent informed the Board that the previous septic repair plan had been approved in 2011, however the property is under review of Conservation. Motion to approve the septic repair plans for 350 New Boston Road pending Conservation Commission approval was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Chairwoman Lopes; abstained by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed proposed plans for a well permit for 14 Wigwam Beach Road. Mr. DeTerra asked the Health Agent for clarification. The Health Agent informed the Board the proposed well is for agricultural and exterior use only. Motion to approve the well permit for 14 Wigwam Beach Road was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed proposed plans for a well permit for 20 Yankee Lane. Mr. DeTerra abstained from discussion, as his property borders this location. The Health Agent informed the Board the proposed well is to be used as a potable water supply. Motion to approve the well permit for 20 Yankee Lane was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Chairwoman Lopes; abstained by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed.

The Board received a tobacco permit for approval for Fairhaven Gas Minimart. The Health Agent informed the Board this location was formerly Valero Gas; the ownership for this location has changed. Motion to approve the tobacco permit pending an opening inspection performed by Joseph Carvalho, tobacco inspector, was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed Title V inspection reports for the following locations: 356 Bridge Street (pass), 298 Mill Road (fail) and 267 New Boston Road (conditional pass). Motion to approve all inspection reports was made by Mr. Silvia; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing:

None.

Health Agent's Report:

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of the change in risk level regarding EEE in Town. The Health Agent stated the risk level has changed from high to severe and there is a mandatory regulation of being outside dusk til dawn until the first frost in October. The Health Agent has asked the Police Chief to inform all officers of this change, as all outdoor activity has been restricted.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of the annual Harvest Fun Day taking place on Saturday, September 21, 2019. To clarify, the Health Agent asked the Board about permit fees for non-profit organizations. The Board was in agreement that if a non-profit organization can produce a no-tax status, a permit fee will not be charged.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of tobacco cessation and drug prevention programs that can be offered to the School Department. The Health Agent asked the Board for guidance in reference to contacting the School Department. Mr. Silvia mentioned the Health Agent should contact the Superintendent to see if there is an interest in being involved with the programs. Chairwoman Lopes mentioned the Health Agent could involve the PTO or have an in-person meeting with the Superintendent to communicate the efforts the Health Department has to offer the youth population.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board she is not comfortable with having cash handled in the office; would prefer to only have check or money order payments; is working toward restricting to online payments only. Mr. DeTerra stated Pat Fowle, the previous Health Agent, would always turn the money collected in the office daily to the Treasurer's Office. The Health Agent mentioned she was never informed of this policy; will do so immediately. Chairwoman Lopes stated it should be put on permits and fee schedule "strongly suggest check or money order payment".

Ms. Freire-Kellogg produced an updated food inspection report, as requested by Mr. DeTerra.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board she has received a call regarding the Timothy/Hiller Street project in relation to other departments contacting the Health Department. The Health Agent mentioned this is an area that is on municipal sewer and we cannot pre-violate. Chairwoman Lopes stated the project is not yet at the stage where the Board can do anything.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg produced a tobacco inspection report from the tobacco inspector for the Board to review.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of the NACCHO closing ceremony she attended in Washington D.C. from August 13-15, 2019. The Health Agent learned a lot and mentioned there is money available for guidance with other food standards (i.e., trainings, brochures, assembly's). She networked with someone who can conduct opioid prevention and narcan training for food establishments, taking a regional approach. The Health Agent further met with representatives from Markey and Keating's offices to discuss staff at local boards of health, as having more staff is crucial and can increase specialties among staff.

Ms. Freire-Kellogg informed the Board of the hoarding remediation grant she received through MassHousing. The informational meeting to discuss hoarding remediation workshops being offered in the Fall will take place on August 20, 2019 at the Buttonwood Senior Center from 5:00-6:30p.m. An e-waste collection event will be available to participants of the workshop on September 17, 2019.

Invoices/Other Business:

There being no other business before the Board, Mr. Silvia made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda L. Blais".

Amanda L. Blais
Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant