

Board of Health
Meeting Minutes

Board Members:

Phil Durno, Chairman, Virginia Malouin, Member

Not Present:

Margie LaFleur, Member

Staff:

Kalene Gendron (KG), Sandra Gargan (SG)

Attendees:

Robin Hebert, Animal Inspector, Tony Beattie, 36 Oak Hill Rd, Toby Tyler, 34 Jewett St, David Sears, 25 Jewett St, Mr. & Mrs. McKain, 16B Brookline St.

Mr. Durno announced the meeting was opened at 7:00 PM and was being televised by Pepperell Community Media and the Secretary is recording the minutes.

4/4/2017 - Minutes

1. Acceptance of Minutes

a. 2/21/17

Mrs. Malouin made a motion to approve the 2/21/17 minutes as written, Durno, seconded, all in favor.

2. Appointments

a. 7:01PM - Animal Inspector - 3 month update

The Animal Inspector, (AI) Robin Hebert explained she has completed the barn inspections. She has had a couple of calls involving ducks, chickens, goats and livestock. She said the number of horses seem to be declining while ducks and chickens are on the increase.

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) is also the Animal Inspector, in Townsend, so if our AI, is unavailable the ACO can fill in for her.

The Board acknowledged how fortunate the PBOH is to have such a valued employee as the AI, who has an unique way of speaking to residents and getting things done.

b. 7:05PM Manure Guidelines/Regulations - Discussion

Mr. Durno stated the status of the manure/guideline regulations.

The AI, attended a horse association meeting last year and spoke about proposed manure/guidelines and the consensus was all were in favor of them. She posted the guidelines to face book.

Mrs. Malouin asked about major concerns. She stated the PBOH is not in compliance with State regulations.

Mr. Durno said as far as regulations the PBOH proposed regulations are much less stringent than the State regulations.

Mrs. Malouin said the AI had put in a great deal of time in order to make the wording palatable for all .

Some in the audience a had a few concerns with the language of the guidelines/regulations and suggested additional wording such as incorporating right to farm language, organic farmers, composting verses piling manure, defining turnout area, daily exercise, commercial operations verses back yard neighbors, defining outdoor shelter.

Mr. Sears gave the AI some information he received from the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Beattie offered the AI a list of vendors to haul manure away.

The AI appreciated all the suggestions and will work on the guidelines/regulations and return on 5/16/17 to discuss them once again.

3. Correspondence

Mr. Durno announced North Middlesex High School will be having a dinner and dance. All who graduated from this school is allowed to attend.

a. 2017 Notice to Local Boards of Health - MA DEP, Drinking Water Program

The HA explained MA DEP, had given all local boards of health, updates. Regarding Well Regulations they are recommending the recording of deeds. The PBOH does not do this. The State has an outdated emergency contact names on file for the PBOH. The HA asked the Board who would they like to have as a emergency contact.

Mrs. Malouin suggested the Town Administrator, Mark Andrews, but to seek his permission before you put his name down.

The Board tabled this discussion until next meeting.

4. Health Agent Comments

a. Mass. DEP - Seminar Follow Up

The HA went to seminar back on 3/17/17. She explained there are some changes to well guidelines in the flow reduction testing requirements, we may want to look at the State level verses our own regulations. Composting was discussed there seems to be an increase in this area. We were suppose to have a composting site on Nashua Rd, but it fell through. The PBOH licenses 6 rubbish haulers. The State has a model regulations because towns, and cities are all over the place with trash regulations and no regulations. We may want to consider this. Regarding Title 5, Innovative Alternative systems still require approval by the PBOH. In regards to Title 5, revisions for consideration reductions in groundwater requirements and a uniform Statewide Title 5 Code. This would do away with the local by-laws. She said the seminar was interesting.

Mrs. Malouin would like to have a copy for herself.

5. Old Business

a. Non-Criminal By-Laws - Discussion

The HA said if the Board would like to have a warrant article, this could be done for the fall Town Meeting. Due to bad weather and canceled meetings the PBOH missed the deadline for the spring Town Meeting. The Board may want to discuss this at the next board meeting.

The Board said put it on the next agenda for discussion.

b. Innovative Alternative Systems - Discussion/Vote if necessary

• 139 Townsend St - I/A system

The HA said she received the paperwork, so now the inspection is complete.

• 16B Brookline St - I/A system

The HA said the new homeowner's are in the audience and she can help them to understand what is required as homeowners with an I/A system.

One Board member wanted to know if the A/I agreement was recorded on their deed.

They said it was, but they didn't know who to contact.

The HA will assist them.

• 20L/R Wheeler St - I/A System

Mr. Bancroft stopped by earlier today with paperwork for the HA. His statement said there should be an inspection by the end of April. He also handed in the A/I agreement with the Contractors signature.

The HA said she sent out the enforcement letter that stated the A/I maintenance agreement had to be completed and sent back to the PBOH by 3/27/17, which they did not do. She told the Board she has paperwork ready for court, unless the Board wishes to honor Mr. Bancroft statement he handed in tonight.

Mrs. Malouin said back on 11/1/16 the Board voted to start court proceedings and would like to re-affirm that vote.

Mrs. Malouin made a motion to re-affirm the 11/1/16 vote at that time which the Board agreed with to start court proceedings. Durmo, seconds, all in favor.

The HA said she will file in Lawrence court with the date set for 4/24/17.

Mr. Durmo said this gives the Bancroft's three weeks to get the inspection done or go to court.

6. Permits / License

a. 2 Idal St. - Irrigation Well

The HA said the paperwork meets all the requirements and recommends approval for this permit.

Mrs. Malouin made a motion to approve the irrigation well. Durmo seconds, all in favor.

b. 84 Jewett St. - Agricultural Well

The HA said this is an agricultural well and cows and cattle will be consuming the water. The same standards should be required as if people were consuming the water, so a stipulation has been put on the permit for a passing well water test.

Mrs. Malouin made a motion to approve the agricultural well permit as submitted. Durmo seconds, all in favor.

c. McGaffigan Funeral Homes

The Secretary presented a funeral permit with all current paperwork completed.

Mrs. Malouin made a motion to approve McGaffigan Home LLC. Durmo seconds, all in favor.

7. Bill Warrant

a. One

An invoice for NABH and Animal Inspector's mileage was reviewed and signed by the Board.

8. Open Discussion

Mrs. Malouin mentioned the Police department received a grant for a social worker. She would like to have the HA ask the Police Chief, if someone could come to a meeting to discuss what this position is about.

The HA said she will see what the Police department has for advertising before someone comes to a meeting.

9. Future Meeting Dates

a. 4/18/17

Mr. Durmo announced the next meeting for 4/18/17 and it will be in conference room B.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Sandra Gargan, Board Secretary

