

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2022 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: REMOTE

PRESENT:

Chairperson Margie LaFleur, Member Stephen Themelis, Member Renee D'Argento, Health Agent Kalene Gendron, Animal Inspector Lisa Forbes, BOH Assistant Laurie Lessard

Chairperson LaFleur opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. She announced that the meeting was remote participation only; meeting is being cablecast live and recorded by Pepperell Community Media.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – VOTE

A Motion was made by Themelis to appoint D'Argento as Chairperson, Seconded by LaFleur, Motion Moved. D'Argento thanked the Board.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chairperson LaFleur presented the meeting minutes of April 19, 2022.

A Motion was made by Themelis to accept the meeting minutes of April 19, 2022, Seconded by LaFleur, D'Argento added that the Noise By Law Complaint be added. A Motion to accept the meeting Minutes of April 19, 2022 as amended, Seconded by LaFleur, Motion Moved.

ACTION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION

Textile Donation Bin Discussion

LaFleur spoke on this by saying the bins have been approved. They will be put in a special section of the Transfer Station and the Albert Harris Center. The MOU was signed by the Town Administrator. The bins will have information on them and state that they are just for textiles. LaFleur will be meeting with the representative of the bin company on Friday the 13th of May to show where the bins will be placed.

4 Hunt Club Way – Dog Daycare

Gendron stated that the applicant was applying for a dog daycare. Gendron received full feedback of the questions asked from the applicant Lauren Davis as documented in her memo to the owner. Forbes, the Animal Inspector said that the animals were in great shape and everything was under control. Themelis said that he had no problem with this being on Prescott Street and LaFleur questioned if they were had a well or was it town water. They are on town water. Joseph Ford the other applicant said that they met with Mary Letourneau, Animal Control had no issues with this daycare. Ford said that they pick up the waste every day and put it in the trash. The Board had no problem with this business.

Animal Inspector – Updates

Forbes spoke of updating the existing guidelines to regulations. Forbes had to compare with other towns but finds that Pepperell has a larger number of barns than other towns. Ashby has a comprehensive regulation which outlines what is appropriate and what is not. Forbes reached out to the AG Board and also invited them to the meeting. Forbes has reached out to other towns and is awaiting their response. She will put a draft together and present it to the Board.

HEALTH AGENT COMMENTS

a. 96 Park Street

Gendron said that this land is proposed to be subdivided. There will be 3 total homes, 1 existing and 2 proposed on town water and sewer. The existing dwelling #96 was previously condemned and will be back before the Board should the owner want to lift for hability

Noise Bylaw

Gendron said that she is working on 2 noise complaints. One is commercial and one is residential. She is navigating through section 7 and 7B of the noise regulations for clarification of these sections from the Board.

b. May Mental Health Screening

Gendron spoke of the screening in May for August about Recognizing Mental Health. It will be airing on May 10th from 6 – 7PM and it is virtual. The Board felt as though this should be posted on the Town Website.

c. Covid Update

LaFleur spoke on this stating that there were 21 cases in Pepperell up from 17 last time.

d. Mosquito Update

LaFleur said the opting out of the mosquito spraying is complete and endorsed by Select Board. LaFleur also spoke of the mosquito brochure and putting a QR code on them. The Board thought this was a great idea.

LaFleur also reminded the Board of the MAHB Conference on Saturday, May 14th in Marlborough.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Themelis to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by LaFleur, Motion Moved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:14 p.m.