

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2016

Present: Karen Spaziente, Claire Ann Scaramella, Julia Lane, and Scott Moles.
Karen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Claire to approve the 5-12-16 minutes. All in favor.

Approval of Bills

None

Health Director's Report

1146 Washington Street septic is all installed, and functioning. Final paperwork will be done upon completion of loam and grass seeding.

Semi-Public Pools opening this weekend: Crestview and Chamberlain Pines Semi-public Pools were inspected and permitted.

Cliff's Liquors has transferred owners to Holliston Wine & Spirits.

Regency Place is have a water usage problems and are doing a full evaluation of their septic system for possible alternatives by Collins Engineering. There were some broken T's that are being repaired to try to improve the problem.

Hurricane Conference: Scott briefed the Board on the hurricane conference he attended yesterday presented by FEMA and MEMA. The importance is resilience. Coordination with larger towns was discussed.

Farm Stand Openings: Arcadia will open tomorrow. MacArthur Farms will open in a few weeks.

Shen's Gymnastic program will no longer be called a "summer camp." Scott will be inspecting the facility on Friday following up on an inquiry.

Town Elections: Congratulations were extended to Julia Lane who was elected onto the Board of Health.

Compassionate Care

Shelly Stormo and Holly Carroll, Compassionate Care Directors, introduced themselves and Compassionate Care to the Board. They discussed the growing facility they have permitted in Holliston on Summer Street. This growing facility will service their Wareham dispensary and a 30 mile delivery radius (doesn't include Holliston), hence no Holliston resident will get their products.

The Holliston growing facility will do cultivation of medical marijuana, and processing infused products, balms and oils. They are a non-profit organization with the ability to fund outreach programs. Shelly was proud that the money generated by Compassionate Care will be used in Massachusetts. Shelly said their mission is to fight the opiate crisis; by providing medical marijuana it reduces the need for opiate pain management and is proven to reduce the addiction to opiates.

The Summer Street facility will have a small kitchen that has a small grease trap, which under the current projected food production will be adequate. The food produced will be inspected by the State.

Shelly said they would be happy to do educational outreach as requested. Typically they do outreach to patients and families in their dispensary population. They could do informational outreach to doctors.

The Holliston growing facility will employ 30 people the first year and 50 the second year, building the cultivation in stages. They would like to hire local people. The background checks are extensive and rigorous requiring no history of criminal record. They will be meeting with Police Chief Moore soon to discuss the Summer Street facility. The soonest they will start growing is October.

Health Director's Report continued

Holliston Emergency Response Corp (HERC) Meet and Greet is set for Tuesday, June 28, 2016 from 7 to 8 PM. This initial gathering of the 25 respondents will begin the revitalization of the HERC, and hopefully identify a smaller group interested in leading the steering committee.

The steering committee will meet in July and discuss the participation of HERC in the MA Responds program. Cathy Corkery, our Region 4A Coordinator, visited the Health Department last week and discussed how she can help HERC. Cathy and Fire Chief Cassidy will be invited to attend all meetings.

In the September time-frame we will gather the whole HERC group together to prepare for the October flu clinic.

51 Winthrop Street required an extra variance that was requested by Skip Kelleher. After the septic system was put in, the basement bulk head was poured in the direction of the septic field. In hindsight Skip should have included this bulkhead in the initial variance request, and the bulkhead might have been relocated, but with the current variance requirements of an impermeable barrier, the Board decided it was adequate.

157-165 Lowland Street: The State Inspection Report for 157-165 Lowland Street was received and reviewed. There was problems with exceeded tonnage, record keeping and noise. The State is taking action on the Cease and Desist.

Health Director Contract Renewal: The Board reviewed the contract renewal for Scott. The BoH was pleased with Scott's performance as the Holliston Health Director/Agent, and they signed the contract renewal. In lieu of a formal performance review, the BoH and Scott agreed to prepare 3 goals for the BoH and the Health Director to share and discuss at the next meeting.

Board Member Comment

None

Karen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Julia seconded, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 6/9/2016