

# **Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

## **August 11, 2016**

Present: Karen Spaziante, Claire Scaramella, and Scott Moles.

Absent: Julia Lane

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Approval of Bills**

The following bills were approved and signed:

Stantec, Covanta Compliance Officer, July	\$120.00
Stantec, Covanta Compliance Officer, June	\$2080.00
Century Health Systems, VNA	\$330.00

### **Local Upgrade Approvals - 38 Smithhurst Drive – Paul Saulnier**

Scott presented the septic upgrade plan for 38 Smithhurst Drive using an Eljen system and requesting a LUA of a 2' waiver from ground water. The Board discussed the plan.

**Karen made a motion to allow the LUA requested at 38 Smithhurst Drive of installing the SAS 2' above seasonal high ground water. Claire seconded. Unanimous.**

### **Health Director's Report**

#### **Vaccine Refrigerator:**

Scott and the Board discussed the vaccine refrigerator temperature event that occurred this week. The vaccine refrigerator had been 0.4°C too cold for 54 minutes on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The vaccine is fine, but we will be receiving more vaccine in the next month and we need to be confident of our storage unit. The Board and Town Administrator have been sent updates of the situation.

The State recommends vaccine storage in either a freezerless refrigerator or a scientific refrigerator. Jay Leary, Selectman and pharmacist, uses a freezerless refrigerator. A scientific refrigerator is 4 times more expensive than a freezerless refrigerator. Most municipalities don't use a scientific refrigerator.

Scott spoke to Dave Morrison at the State Vaccine Unit, and he concurred that since we only store flu vaccine, for a portion of the year, a freezerless refrigerator would

be an adequate solution for us. A freezerless refrigerator can be purchased for about \$700.

**Karen motioned that we should purchase a freezerless refrigerator for our vaccine. Claire seconded. Unanimous.**

**Mold testing** was performed in Town Hall. The results indicated little mold, but some of the thermostats were set to 80°F. Adjusting them should make the space more comfortable. The basement carpets will be shampooed over Labor Day weekend, and the hard floors will be vacuumed.

**41 Pleasant Street – Lead complaint**

A former resident of 41 Pleasant Street notified the Health Department that her 2 year old daughter tested high for lead. She went back into her apartment and performed a lead self-test, and it was high.

When she moved into the apartment the owner, Mr. Healy, provided her with a letter that said the unit was lead-free. Our Health Department files didn't have that letter. There was a letter from 2005 that said there was no "lead letter."

The woman is having her child retested and will get back to us. The building is permitted for tear down.

**Animal incident** at 755 Concord Street: Don Kramer, Animal Inspector, sent a letter to the home owner requiring that the 2 malnourished horses be seen by a veterinarian within 2 weeks.

**Barn Book** still needs to be submitted to the State. Don is working on that.

**Flu Vaccine:** We've received 50 doses of private purchased vaccine, and will be getting 600 more doses over the next month. The State will also be sending us vaccine. There will not be any flu mist this year as the CDC said it wasn't effective.

**Heat Day Warning:** Parks and Rec have opened Stoddard Park beach free to the public in response to the current heat wave, and may keep it free over the weekend.

**Region 4A Coordinator,** Cathy Corkery, is being paid via a 60 day bridge contract. The new fiscal agent for the State, Cambridge Health Alliance will be making Cathy an employee, but in the transition, this bridge contract gets Cathy some pay.

We will still be required to perform our deliverables like call-down-drills during the transition.

**Water Department** have been approved by the DEP to do a pilot study to upgrade Well #5 and treat Manganese. This will cause water bills to go up in fall 2017. This increase may precipitate more residents applying for wells. There will need to be discussion of how fire protection is paid for.

**New Construction** is still keeping us busy with soil tests and septic inspections.

**August 25<sup>th</sup> BoH meeting** starting time is moved to 7:30 due to work commitments for Karen and Claire. The Town Clerk and Julia will be notified.

**2017 BoH meetings** may get moved back to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month. They have been the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month for 2016, but this seems to conflict more with holidays. This will be decided at the next meeting when all the BoH members are in attendance.

**Special Town Meeting:** Scott asked if the Board had anything for the Special Town Meeting, and no one did.

**Medical Marijuana:** Scott informed the Board that there is a second medical marijuana grower applying for permits in town. The Federal government still hasn't approved medical marijuana, making funding difficult as banks are backed by FDIC.

#### **Board of Health Comment**

None

**Claire motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Julia seconded, and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 8-25-16