

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016

Present: Julia Lane, Claire Scaramella and Scott Moles. Karen Spaziente was absent.
Claire called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Bills

The following bills were approved and signed:

Stantec, Covanta Compliance Officer	\$960.00
Sanofi Pasteur, vaccine	\$1,568.72
Century Health Systems, VNA	\$66.00

1137 & 1143 Highland Street Discussion Item

1137 and 1143 Highland Streets are individual properties, originally owned by the same person, with a shared septic system. The system was built in 2007, approved by the BOH and the State and the BOH at completion required a \$10,000 bond to be held for possible future repairs along with a deed restriction.

The owner requested that the bond be released. Health Agent Scott Moles reviewed the file and the deed restriction documents. He suggested the Board approve a partial release to the owner to cover legal fees and once the new documents are accepted by the Board, agree to release the remainder of the bond. The possibility of a partial release must be confirmed by the Town Treasurer. The Board agreed to continue the discussion when all members are present.

89 Cross Street, Pure Sugar Studio – Candy Manufacturing

The Health Department received an incomplete application for the manufacturing of candy at 89 Cross Street. The owner currently operates alone at a Needham location. She anticipates up to 3 employees at the Cross Street location. Health Agent Scott Moles explained that under Title 5, the operation is considered to produce manufactured waste. If the Board considers it a non-detrimental use, and votes accordingly, they will be allowed to use facility which is currently designed for 2,400 gpd.

Health Director's Report

MAHB Conferences: Health Agent Scott Moles attended the conference on November 5th. He focused on the Zika status and Emergency Preparedness.

Zika virus: The State funding that had been diverted from Emergency preparedness to the Zika virus preparation has been redirected back to emergency preparedness. The State has set a 120 day spending limit on the funds.

91 Mohawk Path: When solar panels were being installed earlier this fall, the Building Inspector noticed grass growth over the new septic system that indicated a potential problem. He relayed the information to Health Agent Scott Moles and Scott investigated. The system is built next to large hill that has been dug out and all the trenches are under 3 feet deep. Scott had the engineer hand dig all the components of the system. A new vent line was installed and will be relooked at in the spring. Fafard addressed the situation immediately and we will receive a new system as-built.

Constitution Village Road Grading: Fafard has removed areas of roadway at Minuteman Circle, Hiawatha Path and Governor Prence Way. There are ledge and paving issues involved that the Planning Board is reviewing. The engineers met with the Town Planner, the Building Inspector and the Health Agent last Friday. It is now past the deadline for paving. The Planning Board has upped the bond required for paving from the engineer.

Governor Prence Way lots 57 & 58: Due to ledge found in this area, these Toll Brothers lots will have to be redesigned. Larger machinery will be necessary to remove ledge and boulders.

Rabies Exposure: A DPW worker in trying to rescue a raccoon with a jar stuck on his head was scratched and bleeding. The raccoon escaped, uncaught. The police helped the DPW worker who had to start the procedure for rabies exposure.

Nurses Stipend: The decision on the nurse's stipends for helping at the flu clinics has been postponed until the full Board is present.

MRC: Kathy Corkery, Region 4A representative, is leaving. Cambridge Health Alliance, the regional management company, has hired new staffers to get back to being fully staffed and operational. Holliston will be participating in a call down drill in the near future.

Brooksmont Meadow: Brooksmont Meadow is a new development of 3 homes we will be reviewing. The lots are surrounded by wetlands and the developer has had a ConCom hearing.

Animal Inspector Don Kramer: Don Kramer had a pacemaker installed last week. He is doing well. Health Agent Scott Moles is his backup while he is out.

Town Water vs. Well Water: Since water rates have gone up in town, the Health Department has seen a number of inquiries from homeowners regarding switching from town water to well water. Health Agent Scott Moles has asked the Water Department to notify us when they have a request to discontinue water service to be sure the well has been adequately tested for quantity and quality before switchover.

BOH 2017 Calendar: the members were given a schedule of 2017 meetings and asked to review for discussion at the next meeting.

Board of Health Comment

None

Claire Scaramella motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, seconded by Julia Lane. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa Deering, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 12-8-16