

# **Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

## **January 12, 2017**

Present: Karen Spaziante, 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 Julia to approve the 12/22/16 minutes. All in favor.**

### **Approval of Bills**

No bills

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

**Posting for a second back-up Health Agent** – Scott discussed posting the position for a second back-up Health Agent, similar to Paul Saulnier, so in Scott's absence, Paul's jobs can be inspected. The Board agreed that would be prudent. The posting will target the next fiscal year.

**Scott's vacation** January 31 to February 7 – The Health Department clerks (Lisa & Ann), and back-up Agent (Paul Saulnier), and Len Izzo will be available.

**FY'18 Budget/Town Warrant** – The proposed FY'18 budget was reviewed. It is a flat 1% level funding as directed by the Finance Committee (FinCom). The VNA rates are going up. The Stantec rates will also increase, but that is paid by Covanta, not the Town. Scott will send the proposed budget to Michelle Zeamer, FinCom liaison, and it can be voted at the next BoH meeting. The budget will be presented to the FinCom February 14.

**Public Record Recording and Copy Costs** – Town Clerk, Liz Greendale, is responsible for implementing the new State Public Records Law, dictating the recording of requests and the costs. We are recording all public records requests (walk-in, phone, email, fax), and have suspended charging for copies, since tracking 5 cents for copies would be more time consuming and ultimately cost more in labor costs than worth the revenue. This will be reviewed especially for the large sized copies (24" x 36") of the new copier.

**629 Washington Street** – Housing Issue – Scott briefed the Board on the progress of the items to be responded to at 629 Washington Street. The owner and tenant will appear in court tomorrow. The tenants are vacating February 1, 2017. The Dedham Housing Authority will help the tenants locate appropriate housing. The owner will make the necessary remediation in a timely fashion, for future tenants. The original tenant complaint was mold,

and it is not at an elevated condemnable level. Scott will keep the Board and the appropriate town offices up to date on the status.

**Vape City, 406 Washington Street**, had an underage sale to a 17 year old using a stolen credit card, communicated to us via the Holliston Police. The stolen credit card alerted the police. The Vape City clerk didn't check the customer's ID for age. The Police issued Vape City a warning. The Board instructed Scott to also issue a warning.

### **Youth Access Tobacco – Dr. Lester Hartman**

Dr. Lester Hartman spoke with the Board regarding raising the age for sale of tobacco and tobacco products in Holliston from 18 to 21 year olds. Lester had provided the Board with information of surrounding towns who had gone to 21, and supporting articles addressing common concerns. He is trying to get the State to pass the bill to make 21 the State-wide age.

Lester brought samples of the tobacco and tobacco products that he bought at a local mart, and explained the marketing strategies of the manufactures at targeting the 14 to 17 year olds. Getting an 18 year old to buy the 14 year old tobacco products is much easier than getting a 21 year old to do it. And the youth are getting hooked before they are 18 years old.

The Board thanked Lester for coming in. They agreed to have a hearing regarding raising the tobacco and products sale age from 18 to 21, to listen to the town residents and businesses, and understand their thoughts and concerns.

### **Health Director's Report, continued**

**Souper Bowl** - The Pantry Shelf requested the Souper Bowl fundraiser Food Permit fee be waived as in previous years.

**Karen made a motion to waive the Pantry Shelf Souper Bowl Food Permit fee. Claire seconded. Passed unanimously.**

**Shen's Gym – Norovirus:** On Friday, January 6, several surrounding towns and the State epidemiologist were coordinating the Norovirus that had been spread at Tuesday's and Wednesday's gymnastic competitions at Shen's Gym. Students from Framingham, Medway and Norfolk had reported Norovirus, in addition to 2 Holliston students. Shen's Gym was responsive in cancelling classes for cleaning of the gym, and communicating the situation to everyone. The one sick employee was cleared to return by a doctor's note after 48 hours of wellness.

**Beaver Activity: 413 Gorwin Drive** – Scott went with Sheri O'Brien, Conservation Commissioner, to examine the extensive beaver activity at 413 Gorwin Drive. Brook Street and Christopher Road still have beavers also.

### **40B Projects:**

- Brooksmont Meadows 40B project, 66 units for 55+, on Concord Street is beginning.
- Wildlife Woods – the 40B project off of Washington Street will be a while waiting for the State.

**Restaurants:**

- Casey's Public House cleaned their "Holliston Panther's" sign as requested.
- All the local restaurants have gotten their 2017 Food Permits

**194 Lowland Street** Cease and Desist Order still in place and waiting permits from the Planning Board.

**Covanta** is still waiting for a rain event for additional testing.

**Holliston Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition** – The Board asked that the new support group be invited to our February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Board Member Comment**

None

**At 8:15, Julia motioned to adjourn the meeting. Claire seconded, and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 1/26/2017