

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2017

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

Public Comment

None

100 Jeffrey Avenue – Commercial Requirements

Tom Eck, owner of 100 Jeffrey Avenue, was present inquiring if the septic tank at 100 Jeffrey Avenue needs to be tested for volatile organic compounds and pH. A current occupant is a bulk tea packaging and distribution company that is inspected regularly by the State for food processing. Another occupant is a doctor's office that would use medical waste disposal. The building is being sold to a company that will use some space for storage involving no chemicals.

The mortgage company for the buyer wants to know what testing has been done at 100 Jeffrey Avenue, and what will be required, since the Board of Health has a regulation requiring commercial buildings have annual testing of the septic tanks "at a minimum for volatile organic compounds (EPA Test Designation 624) and pH."

Scott stated that the building was originally owned by Cambridge Glass Works, and the last testing was done in 2009. The second owner was ComTell. Reviewing the records for 100 Jeffrey Avenue, Scott said there were no holding tanks. The previous owners used barrels.

Scott explained that the Board needs to decide what testing is required of other commercial businesses, as this decision will set precedence. We may need to reach out to existing commercial businesses and get updated Operations Questionnaires. The Board needs to look at the regulations as a whole, and especially when a business is located in Zone 2. Auto body business have contained systems.

The Board's recommendations for 100 Jeffrey Avenue is:

1. Test one more time for EPA Test 624 and pH
2. Have the prospective owner fill out a new Operations Questionnaire
3. The Board will issue a letter reducing the testing to meet the uses in the building.

Tom said the closing for the sale of the building is set for November. Tom will ask Holliston Sewer Service to sample the septic tank at 100 Jeffrey Avenue ASAP, and ask how fast the testing can be completed. Tom will send Scott the contact information for the Real Estate broker (who will contact the mortgage company), so Scott can send the broker the 2009 test results (that were acceptable).

Tom thanked the Board for their clarification, and left the meeting.

There are 2 other companies coming to town in the near future that these rulings will impact:

- a t-shirt company that uses a dry baking process; and
- a trumpet/trombone manufacturer that uses food grade mineral oil for polishing.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Julia and seconded by Claire to approve the 9/14/17 minutes. All in favor.

Approval of Bills

The following bill was approved and signed:

Stantec, Covanta Compliance Officer, 7-11-17	\$2,249.00
Stantec, Covanta Compliance Officer, 9-14-17	\$788.50
Sanofi Pasteur, flu vaccine, 550 doses	\$8,508.97
Sanofi Pasteur, flu vaccine, 100 doses	\$5,547.09
Stericycle, Sharps Disposal Program	\$105.00
TrueValue Hardware, loan bags to secure flu sign	\$13.28

Health Director's Report

Covanta Update: Covanta wants clarification of the overnight maximum amount of storage allowed on the tipping floor. There are 2 conflicting references to the amount: one says "850 tons," but the site plan special permit says "650 tons with a maximum not to exceed stockpiles of 1,500 tons."

Brian Moran, Covanta Compliance Officer, and Scott have reviewed the numbers and recommend the overnight maximum amount of storage allowed on the tipping floor be 850 tons, with stockpiles (not on the tipping floor) during storm events not to exceed 1,500 tons.

Claire motioned to set the overnight maximum amount of storage allowed on the tipping floor as 850 tons, with stockpiles (not on the tipping floor) during storm events not to exceed 1,500 tons. Julia seconded. Passed.

Brian also has concerns that at times when Ryan Fillon, Transfer Station Manager, was not on site, there was no clear second in command. Scott will send a letter to Covanta explaining that whenever Ryan is not on site, Brian and Scott need to be notified in writing (email) who is in command during Ryan's absence.

High School HABA Concession Stand Tight Tank: The concession stand bathrooms are being fitted with fixtures: 3 regular toilets and 1 handicapped toilet in the women's room; 2 urinals, 1 regular toilet, and 1 handicapped toilet in the men's room; with 2 sinks in each room. This will be better than the 4 porta-potties currently in use. They are applying for a variance for the State Plumbing Code, because this is less than the number required for that sized stadium. But since this septic system is a tight tank, it can be emptied more frequently as needed.

FRE / Holliston Hills Development: The lots that were being held by the Planning Board have been released. Scott received a letter with proof of recording and has given the installer approval to start construction.

Failed Infiltrators: There are 3 different infiltrator septic systems that have failed that are being investigated by Scott and the engineer Joe Nihill.

Flu Clinic – October 28, 2017: The Swinger Sign announcing the flu clinic has been put outside of Town Hall. The A-Frame signs will go out on Monday, as will the press release. Claire and Julia said they will be able to work the clinic. Planning for the clinic is going smoothly.

The school clinic, vaccinating teaching staff, will begin as soon as the school head nurse, Lynne Bowler, is done with start-of-school screenings.

The Town Hall Employee Clinic will be Thursday, November 2. Claire can work that day from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

Clerk Hours: For 2 years Scott has asked the Selectmen that the 18 hour clerk hours be raised to 20 hours, but was denied because that would make the clerk eligible for benefits. On September 18, 2017 the Selectmen voted to allow the Accountant's clerk hours to exceed 20 hours. Scott will ask for the 20 hours again to see if the rules have changed.

Board Member Comment

Claire will let Scott know if she needs to miss the next Board meeting, on October 12, 2017.

Claire motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. Julia seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted:
Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 11-9-17