

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2012

Present: Rich Maccagnano, Eric Dickinson, and Ann McCobb. Karen McManamon absent.
Rich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rich and seconded by Eric to approve the 6/7/12 minutes. All in favor.

Approval of Bills

The following bills were approved and signed:

G & L Labs - Beach testing, 7/19/12	\$60
G & L Labs - Beach testing, 7/26/12	\$60
MAHB annual dues	\$100

Health Director's Report

Liaison Assignments were discussed. Eric was interested in the School and Water Departments, and Rich in the Finance Committee and Conservation Commission. Assignments will be deferred for Karen's input.

Century Health contract was reviewed. Century's fee has increased by \$5/hour. Whether this impacts the budget is dependant on the number of communicable diseases needing follow-up. Last year they were down so there was no problem.

The clause for providing services to newly arrived immigrant families and maternal child health visits will be discussed with Century and brought back to the Board at the next meeting.

BOH flu clinics will not mix Century Health Care nurses with community volunteers because of the differences in pay and stipend, and the different doctor's orders.

This year we are going on line with the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Network (MAVEN).

Contracts: This is the 3rd year of Ann McCobb's (Health Agent) and Len Izzo's (Food Inspector) contracts with no pay change. Len has had the same rate of pay for 7 years, \$50 per inspection. Other towns pay between \$60 to \$80 per inspection. Rich requested a letter, with the supporting documentation, be sent to the Finance Committee requesting Len's rate be increased to \$60 per inspection. Action would be taken up at the October Town Meeting.

Rich Westcott arrived unannounced as he was at the Planning Board meeting and they went into Executive Session, so he came to the BOH meeting.

Floor Drains: The DEP request for the BOH to have a position on floor drains was discussed. Several towns have adopted the State's template including Hudson, North Attleboro and Plainville. Ann has discussed this with the Plumbing Inspector. Requiring commercial buildings to have a floor drain can add \$15,000 to new buildings. It would be an unexpected expense for businesses such as: shipping & receiving, vehicle storage, and construction equipment.

It is difficult to enforce this requirement on existing buildings. Enforcing it at the time of property transfer is not good since a landlord can change but the tenant remains the same. The State wants the Health Agent to enforce this regulation, but staff limitations would make comprehensive visits to all commercial buildings impossible, so only the most at risk, Zone II business would be targeted.

The State document has a 90 day compliance mandate and a \$200 fine. We have been charged to be "business friendly," so those mandates will be customized for our town. Rich recommended that we target just Zone II businesses and have the Change of Use Form be the trigger mechanism for enforcement. Ann will mark up a draft and bring it to the next meeting.

Rich Westcott spoke of the proposed restaurant with drive-through on Washington Street. Ann will send a letter to the Planning Board commenting that it is in a Zone II area. Rich Westcott left to return to the Planning Board meeting. The Board thanked him for his visit and insights.

Common Driveway Permit off of Prentice Street was reviewed with no comment.

Flu reimbursement, \$3,575.95 was deposited in the revolving account, with a possibility of more to come.

Beach testing results were still good. It is positive that some weed removal is underway. The Conservation Commission received \$1500 to test the fish in Lake Winthrop. The Fish Advisory signs need to be checked that they are at the boat docks. Ann from Highway will do that.

Michelle Delemarre, DEP, went to New England Emulsions for an air quality check. There was still an odor so she wrote up a non-compliance order to New England Emulsions. They have been cooperative, but perhaps the carbon filtration canisters are not big enough.

Michelle went to Stoneworks, 53 Jeffrey Ave, to inspect the process water system. Michelle proposed a type of recycling system that may work for them. They will apply to the Health Department for this new system. Stoneworks are still in violation as they have not paid their fine to the State.

While at Stoneworks, odor from Grasshopper Landscaping, 67 Jeffrey Ave., compost pile drifted off-site. Board had received an odor complaint in previous week. Michelle will write a non-compliance order for odor; a compost pile is to be turned over every 90 days.

The DEP is doing an Industrial Park sweep initiative, looking at compliance to several State Laws.

53 Wingate Road – The Selectmen received a citizen petition regarding run down condition of house. The owner says it is uninhabited. Jay Leary, Selectman, has requested information regarding this property from several departments. Ann visited this location and from the street view, there was nothing requiring Health Department action.

Ann updated the Board on several properties.

21 Gregory Road – Board agreed that owner may remove a deed restriction of “no increase in square footage”. It was assigned locally at the time of a septic system upgrade, and since then, the DEP removed that restriction in the 2006 revision to the State Title 5 regulations. Current owner is razing and rebuilding the house with no increase in septic design flow, that is, no increase to the number of bedrooms.

35 Appleyard Lane - Board was informed of a septic system upgrade proposed with use of I/A system , an Eljen-In –Drain that includes sand filter treatment.

34 Prospect Street – Eric asked the reason that the system was uncovered. The system cannot be backfilled until corrections are made to the distribution box. The owner is working with the engineer to find solution.

Board Member Comment

None

Rich Maccagnano motioned to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 8-9-12