

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2019

Present: Kylie Williams, Laura Nolan, and Scott Moles. Absent: Sean Fay
Kylie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kylie and seconded by Laura to approve the 10/16/2019 minutes. Passed.

Approval of Bills

The following bills were approved and signed:

• Plasticade – Signicade A-Frame – for flu clinic	\$79.89
• Printer cartridge	\$41.56
• Sharps containers – Large, case of 32	\$86.59
• Salmon VNA – MAVEN contagious disease	\$536.00
• G&L Labs – beach water testing – August	\$360.00
• Sanofi Pasteur – vaccine – High Dose	\$1,430.37
• McKesson – Flu Clinic supplies	\$375.86
• McKesson – Flu Clinic supplies	\$19.92
• Stantec – Covanta Compliance Officer	\$2,532.11

FY 2020 Appointments: The Board reviewed the FY 2020 BoH Annual Appointments.

Kylie motioned to appoint the FY 2020 BoH Annual Appointments outlined in the letter to the Town Clerk. Laura seconded. Passed.

Health Director's Report

Breakfast with Santa – Lion's Club 12-8-19 - Fee Waiver request. The Board discussed the non-profit Lion's Club request that their Breakfast with Santa Food Permit fee be waived again this year.
Kylie motioned to waive the Food Permit fee for the Breakfast with Santa. Laura seconded. Passed.

Tire Drop-off: Saturday, October 19 from 9 to noon, at the Marshall Street Recycling Center, the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Program will conduct a tire collection for Holliston residents.

Event Advertising:

- **Electronic Sign** from Highway Department has been advertising both the Tire Drop-off and the Flu Clinic.
- **A-Frames:** a 3rd sign was purchased to advertise the Flu Clinic, since the original 2 signs are beginning to fall apart and they are advertising the Tire Drop-off. After the Tire event, those signs will be converted to Flu signs.
- **Swinger sign and media press releases** are being used as usual.

Flu Clinic

- Vaccine, High-Dose and regular, has been arriving and the last shipment is expected tomorrow.
- Supplies, volunteers and the facility are being made ready.
- Vaccine doses will be given to the school nurses for vaccinating the staff.

Mosquitoes

- Lion's Club wants to have a Haunted Walk on the Board of Selectmen's Farm in October. The BoS asked about EEE risk. Scott informed them that the State is still saying to limit activities after dusk, which will be 6:00 PM. The BoS gave the Lion's a permit for the afternoon activity but not the evening one.
- Halloween evening trick-or-treating will fall in the same EEE risk category, and the Board is encouraging people to continue to use universal precautions and limit after dusk exposure. There is still time before 10-31-19 for a killing frost. The Board recommends that we continue to educate and keep the public aware of the risk of EEE. The Board requested we use the signs after the Flu Clinic for EEE awareness, and contact the School's Brad Jackson to see if we can provide the proper words to send to the student's parents.

Barn Book animal census will begin soon. Scott will be visiting all the local barns to ensure that the animals are counted and have proper conditions for winter.

Kleinfelder Contract – Scott presented the Kleinfelder renewal contract for the Marshall Street recycling center testing. The Board requested a copy be sent to them so Sean can review, and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Green Street Committee including Scott, Brian Moran and Tina Hein, is still discussing whether to renovate or remediate the building. Kylie wanted to see the environmental report, which she can access on the DEP website.

Shared community nurse grant is being explored by Framingham's Kitty Mahoney for Framingham, Ashland, Hudson and Holliston. A grant from the Metrowest Hospital could pay for the nurse the first year. It might handle the MAVEN contagious disease work and possibly give a shared nurse for the Town. Currently the Council on Aging uses a volunteer nurse. This is still in the exploration stage. At this time we are on budget with the Salmon VNA doing our MAVEN work.

55 Grove Street – Septic Hearing

Eric Dickinson, Civilized Solutions, presented the proposed septic system upgrade designed by Paul Saulnier, Civilized Solutions, for 55 Grove Street:

- Currently has failed septic pits.
- With the small lot size and high ground water an Eljen septic technology is being proposed as the most viable option.
- The plumbing invert was raised to try to avoid needing a pump.
- Tank placement is very limited due to elevations. This will require a variance that may be unavoidable within reason.
- Filling the old septic pits with flowable fill would be the least disruptive way of decommissioning, rather than crushing and removing the pits.
- There are 2 California Dawn Redwood trees and a Maple tree that the owners, Bob & Maryanne Knorr, asked to save, necessitating additional variances requests.

Richard Kattman, owner 49 Grove Street, presented his concerns regarding the proposed septic upgrade:

- Pre-existing conditions:

- 49 Grove Street elevation is several feet below 55 Grove Street and other neighbors, and there is significant runoff that pools in 49 Grove Street back yard.
- The current 55 Grove Street septic pits underground structures are partially located on 49 Grove Street property.
- Richard would like the 55 Grove Street upgrade septic system to reduce the runoff onto his property by putting in a retention pond at the back of 55 Grove.
- Richard said the upgrade design engineer Paul Saulnier said he could design the 55 Grove Street upgrade without using variances.
- Donna Wolf, attorney representing the Kattman's, said her clients would like the septic upgrade plan to have the fewest variances possible, regardless of the trees the Knorr's want to save.
- Everyone agrees abandoning the failed cesspits in-place is the best idea.

Bob Knorr, owner 55 Grove Street

- The current plan is calling for a rock wall on the property line to mitigate erosion as the 2 properties have different elevations. Richard said he didn't want to look at a rock wall. Bob Knorr thought the rock wall was a better looking and a more stable option than a graded mound, but was amenable to the neighbor's preference.
- Bob hoped to get the upgrade system in by year end to take advantage of the tax write off earlier.
- The Knorr's are trying to select an installer with a history of "surgical" precision of installations, so it will have the least impact on the neighbors.

The Board thanked everyone for their thoughts and efforts, and are requesting more information:

- The 3 trees that are attempting to be saved need to be evaluated as to whether the septic system coming within 5' of their roots would kill the trees anyway.
- Paul Saulnier will look at the proposed septic upgrade and determine if it can be done without variances, or what variances are absolutely needed.
- Is a setback required on a wall?
- Supportive excavation may be needed to minimize disturbance to neighbor.
- Determination of hardship versus variances:
 - Is loss of trees a hardship?
 - Is looking at a rock wall a hardship?
 - Is additional cost for installation due to variance reduction warranted? It is a failed system and the upgrade must be affordable.
- The Board is not responsible for reducing the existing runoff.

Laura motioned to continue the septic hearing for 55 Grove Street. Kylie seconded. Passed.

Board Member Comment

Kylie will be absent from the next meeting on 11-7-19. Laura and Sean will be present. Sean will receive the information from this meeting so he is up to date.

Kylie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Seconded by Laura. Passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 11-7-19