

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2011

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

Rich welcomed Karen as the newest member of the board.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

The 5.19.11 minutes, were signed by Rich Maccagnano as he was the only board member who was present at the 5.19.11 meeting.

Approval of Bills

None

Health Director Report

Ann told Karen that her board position was paid a \$40 annual salary if she chooses to accept it.

The board members were offered the opportunity to attend the Region 4A table top exercise on June 7th or 9th if they were interested and available. All town emergency response departments were invited, but none are available. Rich said he would like to go to the Tuesday exercise.

Ann will apply for the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) grant to cover chronic diseases, including tobacco, obesity, death/disability, heart disease and stroke. She will pay the MAHB dues after July 1 from the FY'12 budget. This will enable board members to attend the fall training program on November 5th or 12th.

Mike Graf invited the board to attend training on Tuesday June 7th by Kevin Duquette on soil, grease, fat, and oils, giving 2 CEU's. Rich would like to attend this.

Paul LeBeau sent an administration note about open meetings, that the public has the right to make audio or video recordings after clearing that with the chairman. The note outlined the details, including who must be notified, copies be available to all, and recording the whole meeting.

Lab results were received from Dunkin Donuts. Ann expected weekly results, which aren't happening, but Mike Healy is only required to show results at 8 weeks.

The Water Department got approval from the State for a study of iron & manganese color removal. Ken wanted a copy of the study.

Ken got a copy of the SEA Landfill Monitoring report. The Highway Department and Town Administrator were also copied on the report.

The Intern Program shared with surrounding towns will meet on Friday to interview a potential intern; a nurse working on a 2nd masters degree. It is suggested that the intern develop a plan for a medical disposal program, including the costs and implementation.

Rich asked if we had any progress on the sharps disposal services. Ann said she asked about including it with the Hazardous Waste Day, but got no response. It is a cost issue.

The Public Health District Incentive Program with Doug Haley of Acton was discussed. Holliston had voted to participate, but can opt in or out once the model is released. Rich was concerned about the time/energy spent on that and recommended that Ann stay current on the program via correspondence, but not to attend any more meetings. Ken concurred.

163 Union Street Variance Hearing

Bill Pybas and Kamal Hingorany, P.E. presented their proposed septic plan for 163 Union Street, and after discussion, six modifications to the plan were agreed upon:

1. AdvanTex detail included
2. three inspection ports added
3. curb stops added to prevent traffic/snow loading over septic field
4. weep hole added to pump chamber
5. require all work be done from the 163 Union property (no trespassing on neighbor)
6. remove the line indicating any overflow of material outside the 163 Union property lines

Kamal said he would have the revised plan to the board by next week.

Rich made a motion to grant variance at 163 Union Street to allow the following:

1. **property line to soil absorption system (S.A.S.) distance reduced to 2' versus the required 10'**
2. **foundation to S.A.S. distance reduced to 4.5' versus the required 20'**
3. **accept the AdvanTex system with the 2' reduction in the water table requirement**
4. **50% reduction in the size of the S.A.S.**

Ken seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9 Green Street – Hearing for Tight Tank

Paul Saulnier presented his plan for 9 Green Street, explaining after testing having determined that a tight tank is the only option. After discussion of the tight tank pumping requirements, Rich asked the owner Mr. Garcia, if he was willing to accept the requirement of weekly pumping if necessary, and Mr. Garcia agreed. Paul said he was getting a letter from Holliston Sewer agreeing to a pumping contract.

Rich mentioned that Paul would need a 3 piece tank not monolithic, hence another variance. Paul agreed.

Rich made a motion to recommend the DEP approve of the variance to allow a tight tank at 9 Green Street due to site conditions. Karen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rich made a motion to allow a variance on the monolithic tank requirement. Ken seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

761 – 763 Washington Street – Hearing – Robert Nichols

A tenant of 761 Washington Street complained of septage overflow to the board and upon investigation Ann issued an order to Robert Nichols the owner/landlord to abate the problem. The previous complaints were discussed, with the only real problem being a leaky toilet in October, 1997 that was fixed promptly.

Robert Nichols and his 2 assistants, John Nichols and Janice Ostrander, presented the current occupancy and details of the septic systems for the building. Janice said there was a separate system for the bottom floor's retail business. Janice presented the daily water consumption of the building which showed a significant jump in the water usage on the date of the complaint and inspection. She also disclosed that the new 3rd floor tenant was unhappy to be told he could not have a washing machine.

After the tenant complained of the septage overflow, Mr. Nichols had Harry Kampersal of Holliston Sewer Service pump the system twice to be sure there wasn't a problem, which Harry confirmed. The system had not been pumped for a while, and it hadn't been a problem previously.

Rich commended Janice on her quality presentation of the water records, and suggested that she have their septic maintenance person make a sketch of the two septic systems in the ground, and get that on file with the BOH.

Rich made a motion to rescind the order that was sent to Mr. Nichols. Ken seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board of Health Reorganization

Rich suggested that Ken become the chairman. After discussion it was agreed. Rich offered Karen the vice-chairman position. Karen preferred that Rich take the vice-chairman position at this time.

Rich made a motion that Ken becomes the chairman of the board. Karen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Karen made a motion that Rich becomes the vice-chairman of the board. Ken seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Appointments and Liaisons lists were passed out and it was agreed that they would be discussed at the next meeting.

Copies of the following contracts were handed out: Food inspector, Visiting Nurse, and Health Agent Ann McCobb.

The HERC meeting is Thursday June 9th at 7:30, and there will be annual HERC nominations to staff the Executive Committee in FY'12. Ken will attend that meeting.

Rich wants to look at the FY'12 budget again to see if the staff hours that were lost due to the flat financing can be gotten back some how. That will be discussed in the future.

Lake Winthrop beach water testing starts June 13th.

A smoking complaint was taken in from the Fairview Golf Clubhouse and discussed. Ann will follow-up with education of regulations and signage.

Ann has been working with Conservation Commission Agent, Chuck Katuska regarding the flooding between Cross and Summer Street due to beaver activity. Rich wondered if the board could vote Ann the power to take emergency action. Ann said that it needed to be a collaboration between the BOH and the Conservation Commission to issue emergency trapping permits out of season.

The application of the Electronic Recyclers Inc. in the Avery Dennison building was discussed. Ann sent them a letter outlining the State requirements. There is concern regarding the hours of operation, noise, traffic, outside storage, and toxic chemicals. Ann will copy the board on her letter.

Ken motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Rich seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 6-16-11