

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2014

Present: Rich Maccagnan, Karen McManamon and Scott Moles.
Rich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the 10/16/14 minutes is deferred to the next meeting when Eric Dickinson is present since Rich & Eric were the members in attendance.

Approval of Bills

The following bills were approved and signed:

Mass. Health Officers Assoc. annual dues	\$60.00
FS&T ó Brian Moran ó Covanta Compliance	\$80.00
Flu Clinic nurses' stipends	\$550.00

49 Church Street – Septic System Upgrade Inactivity

Scott sent a letter to the owner Ms. Gilkinson on October 21st requesting action on getting the failed septic system replaced. The tank and pump chamber are in place (3 weeks) but no piping. Rich is concerned that we are running out of construction season. He thinks the house needs to be connected to the tank within 14 days and the tank can become a tight tank for the winter if necessary.

Rich left it to Scott's discretion as to what action to take. Scott will make the installer, Don Kramer, and the home owner understand that the septic system can not be the failed cesspool this winter. Either the new system is installed or the new tank becomes a tight tank, requiring regular pumping at the owner's expense.

The Matt Ward, 41 Church Street, was present and voiced concern about the failed system being resolved by winter. He appreciated the Board's diligence to resolving the problem.

Ebola – Update & DPH Checklist for Local Public Health

Scott updated the Board on today's latest Ebola conference call from the State DPH. There are no cases of Ebola originating in the USA. There are no flights from countries with Ebola outbreaks arriving at Boston Logan Airport.

Scott spoke with Fire Chief Cassidy and we have sufficient emergency preparedness supplies. In addition, the emergency preparedness trailer has enough supplies to handle a quarantine order. The next Ebola conference call is December 2nd.

Flu & Flu Clinic Update

The flu clinics are completed successfully, and 784 doses were administered. There are 29 remaining doses if any resident or town employee still needs one.

The first clinic's paperwork has been sent out for reimbursement. The remaining clinics paperwork are being processed. The State's Aggregate Usage Report can't be completed until the 29 remaining State Supplied doses are not being offered for use, but the reports isn't due until March.

A 3rd copier was procured through grant money so we don't need to borrow Chuck Corman's personal copier. This copier is the same model as our 2nd copier so it uses the same ink cartridges. We have inventoried our supplies and know the required items for next year's clinics.

When the reimbursement amounts are received, we will determine the amount of money to transfer from the revolving account to the Town's general fund.

927/929 Washington Street Housing Discussion

Scott updated the Board on this on-going mold complaint. A year ago the owner sent a mold letter from the tenant to the owner. On October 30th the owner sent a "terminate at will" letter to all the tenants. The complainant tenant has a contract until June. Scott did an inspection. There is mold in the basement and some water damage. The "terminate at will" letter may seem retaliatory. Scott mailed a letter to the owner requesting a schedule for the repairs.

55 Whitney – Amusement Bark – Special Permit

The Board reviewed the plans for a dog day-care facility that includes 4 exercise areas. The surface of the exercise was discussed, as grass would be ripped up allowing erosion. Rich wants to be sure that there is a sealed dumpster for the dog waste. Scott read the plans for the sealed dumpster that included emptying schedule. Rich was satisfied with the plan.

Health Agent 90 Day Review

Rich asked Scott how he perceived the new job as Holliston Health Director/Agent. Scott said that "life is good" and the transition has been smooth. That the staff, Lisa & Ann, have been helpful, and the team is working well together.

Rich said he was very pleased with Scott's performance and wants to give him a raise. Scott suggested that a raise be addressed in July at the end of the first year contract. Rich persisted in wanting to compensate Scott for the 20 to 30 hours of work he performed during the transition.

Rich motioned to compensate Scott \$1000 for the work he put in during the transition to Health Director/Agent. Karen seconded, and passed unanimously.

LUA Discussion – Eljen system (53 Temi Road)

Scott discussed modifying the local Title 5 regulations regarding abutter notification. If a resident chooses to put in an I/A system at an extra cost and have a deed restriction, then there shouldn't be a need for abutter notification. The regulations don't specify this option.

Rich agreed that the regulations should be expanded to include this option, but a modification to the regulations will require a public hearing. Rich recommended Scott review the regulations if there are other modifications that they should consider at this time. Scott will write up his recommendations and present it to the Board.

Dunkin Donuts

Scott is in contact with Mr. Steadman the septic system manager. He owes the Board the November and December reports then there will be a meeting. The numbers are fine at this time. They are busy looking at the water usage.

Other Regulations

- Tobacco: Scott said there is nothing new and Rich is not excited about changing the current regulations
- Food: Scott is meeting with Len and will get the draft of the new Food Regs ready to mail out in the Food Permit letters

Anti-Idling signs

Rich inquired about the anti-idling signs posted at the schools. The signs say it is "against the law" and Rich questioned who put up the signs and what is that law? Scott will find out the answer to these questions.

Health Director's Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the November 20, 2014 Director's Report.

- Scott will make a plan regarding the failed system at 73 Lakeshore.
- 132 Central Street dust complaint: they will notify the BOH for future deliveries and will look at their filter.
- The Board is still waiting for the document from Mayer giving closure to the Healy case. Scott will follow up.
- Artificial turf: HYSA nor HHS have had any inquiries regarding the cancer risks.
- Karen will not be present at the December 18th BOH meeting. We will check with Eric to be sure we have quorum.

Board Member Comment

None

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

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 1-15-15