

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2017

Present: Julia Lane, Karen Spaziante, Claire Scaramella and Scott Moles.
Karen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

FY'18 Budget discussion with FinCom Liaisons

Michelle Zeamer and Vincent Murphy, the Finance Commission Liaisons to the BoH, were present to discuss the BoH's FY'18 Budget. The different budget options were discussed. Michelle and Vincent explained the FinCom's thoughts and constraints. It was decided that it was best to propose the flat level funded budget to the FinCom.

Holliston Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition

Jan Kahn and Shelly Kilkelly presented the newly formed Holliston Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition (HDAAC) to the Board. It is a grass-roots support group started by concerned parents responding to the epidemic problems of drugs and alcohol addiction in our youth. Addiction is a disease. HDAAC's main focus is on the high school and middle school population.

HDAAC meets the third Tuesday each month. They are experiencing low attendance, they think probably due to the shame and embarrassment regarding the disease for the parents. They have worked with School Superintendent Brad Jackson to get the word out there.

The Board offered their support, and requested their HDAAC flier to include in our brochures and website. HDAAC is applying for grants, and the Board offered to write a letter of support that they could include in their grant applications.

Jan and Shelly said they would not be available to attend the March 9th hearing on raising the age for sale of tobacco & tobacco products from 18 to 21 years, but they are in support of raising the age. They will send a letter expressing their support of that change that can be included at the hearing. Jan said that HDAAC was trying to make the town safer for our children.

The Board thanked Jan and Shelly for their work and for coming in.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Clair and seconded by Karen to approve the meeting minutes from 01/26/2017. Passed.

Approval of Bills

The following bills were approved and signed:

Stantec, Covanta Compliance Officer	\$2076.00
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Stericycle, Sharps Disposal Program	\$70.00
Century Health Systems, VNA	\$132.00

Holliston in Bloom (HIB) Irish Breakfast – Food Permit Fee Waiver Requested:

The Board discussed the request for a fee waiver for the non-profit HIB's fund raiser.

Karen made a motion to waive the food permit fee for the HIB Irish Breakfast. Claire seconded. Passed unanimously.

Tobacco 21 Hearing – March 9, 2017

The Board discussed the upcoming hearing on March 9, 2017 for getting public input on changing the Regulation for the Sale of Tobacco Products to Minors minimum age from 18 to 21 years old. The format and purpose of the meeting were discussed. This will be an information gathering hearing, and no Board decisions will be made that evening. Scott will develop a "script" of how the hearing will be presented, allowing equal time to both view-points, and send it to the Board for comment.

Director's Report

Rabies Clinic – April 8, 2017: The annual Rabies Clinic is set for April 8th, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Highway Garage. The Town Clerk will be there to provide dog licenses. Claire said she might have some Boy Scouts who are working on an Animal Merit Badge, who would want to volunteer to help. She will get back to us on that.

Medical Response Corps (MRC) Volunteer Week is April 23 to 29. They are showing the movie Contagion at the Framingham Public Library on April 26 to raise interest in volunteers.

Soil testing and septic installations continues with the warm weather.

629 Washington Street – Scott discussed tenant damages and remediation with the owner.

Covanta Radiation incident – last week a "hot" load was rejected and returned to origin.

157 Lowland Street – the Planning Board denied their request. Mike Brumber will appeal.

Gaetano Bakery – is now operating in at 412 Washington Street with the seasonal Berry Bon Bon.

Board Comment

Board Reorganization:

Karen motioned to nominate Claire as Chairman of the BoH. Julia seconded. All in favor.

Karen motioned to nominate Julia as Vice-Chairman of the BoH. Claire seconded. All in favor.

Karen will not be available to attend the May 11th meeting.

Karen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Julia. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Ann Adams, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: 3-9-17