

# **Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

## **May 11, 2017**

Present: Claire Ann Scaramella, Julia Lane, and Scott Moles. Karen Spaziante was absent.  
Claire called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Julia Lane and seconded by Claire Scaramella to approve the 4/13/2017 minutes. All in favor.**

### **Approval of Bills**

The following bills were approved and signed:

Stantec	\$2,076.00
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### **178 Locust Street**

Joe and Tracy Gentile attended the meeting for a discussion regarding their septic system at 178 Locust Street. The Gentile's are concerned about the septic project that was built in 2007. When they were getting a Title 5 inspection done to prepare for the home sale, the inspector informed Tracy Gentile that the system is a three (3) bedroom system not a four (4) bedroom system that they were assuming. The Gentile's hired GLM Engineering Consultants (GLM) to design the system and Scott Mayo to install it. It was originally designed as a 4 bedroom system but the plan was revised to keep the system a 3 bedroom system. The leaching area was built with a 4 bedroom capacity but was not raised as required by Title 5, keeping it a 3 bedroom classification. Joe Gentile said the house has been appraised as a 4 bedroom home not a 3 bedroom home and they have had to drop their sale price to reflect a 3 bedroom system.

Health Agent Scott Moles pointed out the 3 bedroom deed restriction they had filed in 1998 and the minutes of the 2/5/2007 Board meeting where Joe Nihill, P.E., of GLM, asked for a variance to Title 5 for the distance to groundwater. Title 5 does not allow a variance of this type for an increase in flow, which this would be considered by adding an additional bedroom. The Board voted to allow the variance for the design of a 3 bedroom system.

The Board of Health documentation reflects the 3 bedroom change to the project. The discussion continued with the Gentile's saying they were not communicated with during the project about the change from 4 bedroom to 3 bedroom capacity, limited by deed.

Scott suggested the Gentile's go to the Assessor's office to request an abatement for their taxes. He discussed possible changes that could be made to the system and also told the Gentile's he would contact the State to see if they had any possible solutions for them with similar cases and possible exceptions in overriding Title 5 CMR.

The Gentile's left the meeting.

### **Health Director's Report**

**Food truck Festival:** There was a fee issue with the original permit request but it was agreed that \$25 per truck for this one and only event was acceptable. Food Inspector and Health Agent Scott Moles did all the required inspections. One truck took out a seasonal permit for \$75.

**Lake Winthrop:** Lake Winthrop beach testing will begin on Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>. G&L Labs will be contacted.

**Animal Inspector:** Sadly, our long time Animal Inspector Don Kramer passed away in April. Dona Walsh, Animal Control Officer and Health Agent Scott Moles are handling the duties. We will be posting and hiring a new Animal Inspector for FY'18.

**Dog Bite Incident:** A dog on dog bite incident on January 2, 2017 was reported to Animal Control. The Board of Health and Animal Inspector were not notified at that time. An insurance adjuster called the office inquiring about the incident and said a claim has been made for \$100,000. Information is being gathered and will be reported on at the next meeting.

**Annual Town Meeting:** The Board of Health budget passed for FY'18 as well as the Inoculation Revolving account.

**Bartzak Road Street Acceptance:** The written guideline states that the Board of Health must vote the approval but this was waived and a letter from the Chairman was acceptable for Town Meeting. The sewer line was shown on the layout plan for road acceptance, requiring BOH approval.

**Town Water Incident:** In a recent Water Department testing, a chlorine exceedance was shown. The water was over-chlorinated to treat it and not flushed in the fall. They must explain the situation to the residents and they are working on that.

**56 North Mill St. Housing:** Septic was backing up into the rental unit from a sewer pipe that runs under the slab foundation. Health Agent Scott Moles is working with the landlord to get the situation rectified.

**68 Pearl Street Septic:** The failed system is being reconstructed and the owner owes the Town \$30,000 in back taxes. The Town will get the money at the closing and Health Department was asked by Town Treasurer Mary Bousquet to hold the septic Certificate of Compliance until her clearance.

**Board of Health New Member:** Health Agent Scott Moles has gotten an updated email for a possible write in candidate and will contact her.

**Conservation Agent Assistance:** Conservation Agent Sheri O'Brien has been out of the office and Health Agent Scott Moles has been assisting the department with certain projects linked to a submitted septic plan at Laurel Glen.

**Candy Cottage:** Candy Cottage has moved to a new location at 44 Central Street. Health Agent Scott Moles received appropriate paperwork and inspected the new site.

**Friends of the Holliston Community Farm:** The Friends of the Holliston Community Farm are hosting a Family Fun Day on Sunday, June 11, 2017. They have applied for a temporary food permit and are requesting a fee waiver of \$75.

**Motion:** **Claire Scaramella motioned to waive the temporary food permit fee for the Friends of the Holliston Community Farm Family Fun Day on Sunday, June 11, 2017; seconded by Julia Lane. All in favor.**

The next meeting is Thursday, May 25, 2017.

**Board Member Comment**

None

**Claire Scaramella motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Julia Lane seconded, and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa Deering, Health Department Clerk

Approval Date: