

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2013

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

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Rich to approve the 5/6/13 minutes. All in favor.
A motion was made by Eric and seconded by Rich to approve the 5/16/13 minutes. All in favor.

Approval of Bills

None

Reorganization of Board was discussed but everyone agreed that they liked the assignments as they are with Rich as Chairman and Karen as Vice-chairman. Rich stressed that reorganization can be done at any time if the Board desires.

A motion was made to not reorganize the Board at this time. Rich seconded. All in favor.

Annual Appointments were reviewed (attachment).

A motion was made by Eric and seconded by Karen to approve the annual appointments for 2014 as listed. All in favor.

Holliston Emergency Response Corps board was reviewed (attachment).

A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Eric to approve to accept the HERC board as listed. All in favor.

Liaison appointments were reviewed (attachment), and the Board agreed to keep the 2013 liaison assignments through 2014.

All Board Meeting: Ann invited the Board to the All Boards Meeting on June 19th at 7 PM at the High School. Karen, Rich & Ann will not be able to attend. Eric is not sure if he can attend yet.

Health Director's Report

Sharps Program: The Sharps Disposal program is going well. Holliston Family Pharmacy (They've dropped the word "Holliston" from their name) has had 2 boxes of sharps removed by Stericycle. We still have not received the bill for that removal. The new contact person at Family Pharmacy for this Sharps Program is Tim Antkowiak. Ann will stop in and meet him soon.

Paul LeBeau has notified Ann that Republic, the town solid waste hauler, has given the town a \$2,500 subsidy to assist with the sharps program. Ann said a sharps disposal kiosk would cost \$1,200. Natick put a kiosk at their DPW. The Fire Department could be a good place for a kiosk in our town. Rich and the Board want Ann to pursue the kiosk for our town.

Request 2nd 10-day emergency beaver trapping permit

Joe Banish, 1929 Washington Street, presented photos and description of the flooding at his property due to beaver activity. There is a population of over 20 beavers, the largest beaver being 65 pounds according to the trapper. With the first 10-day emergency beaver trapping permit four beaver were trapped and one raccoon. Rich inquired about the specifics to ensure that proper and humane treatment was followed.

Joe has been permitted to breach the dams 6 inches per week, but only the edges of the dams are readily accessible. Due to the recent rains, all of these measures have not significantly reduced the water level.

Chuck Katuska, Conservation Commission, is evaluating installing a pond leveling device, but there is no timeline for that as of yet. All agreed that that would be a better long term solution to be worked toward. Chuck is working with the consultant Mike Callahan. Rich will call Chuck to discuss the importance of the pond leveler.

Rich wants a solution that doesn't eliminate the beaver, but moves them to a lower pond, and ensures no property damage.

With the rain predicted for the next few days, everyone agreed that it would be valuable to allow a 2nd 10-day emergency beaver trapping permit so that the flooding doesn't threaten the public water supply. The Well #4 is scheduled to activate in June or July.

Joe is also pursuing a 30-day permit with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Ann said that the State may make a site visit. The Board agreed to support the 30 day permit.

Rich signed the 10-day emergency beaver trapping permit, with the effective date for Saturday due to the rain forecast. Ann will copy the Conservation Commission and the Water Department. Rich asked Joe to keep Ann posted on the beaver and water level situation. Joe said he would continue to email Ann.

Request variance for Semi-Public Pool – Crestview

Chuck Hogan requested a variance of using portable toilets at the semi-public pool at Crestview Condominiums. Chuck has refurbished the pool and met all the other requirements for a semi-public pool. He is waiting for N-Star to hook up his electric so he doesn't have to use the generator.

Ann calculated that the pool has a capacity for 53 swimmers. Chuck said they will limit the pool to 20 swimmers, have 1 full-time lifeguard, 2 toilets and a cold shower. The portable toilets will only be used this year, and next year they will have permanent toilets. Chuck brought before and after photographs, and the information on the lifeguard.

When the electricity is hooked up, Chuck will call Ann for the pre-opening inspection.

A motion was made by Rich and seconded by Karen to allow the variance of portable toilets at Crestview Pools for 2013 season. All in favor.

Health Director's Report, continued

Lake Winthrop: The letter from the DPH to Rich regarding the sediment in Lake Winthrop stated that exposure to dioxin in this setting would not be expected to result in health effects. Ann will send a

copy of the letter to the Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation Department, Water Department, the Selectmen and Highway, and highlight the DPH's recommendation on page 4 that if environmental testing is done on the lake, the sampling analysis protocol be submitted to the State for review, prior to sampling.

Lake Winthrop opens on June 15. The dock will be set up next week. The geese problem at the beaches appears to have been resolved by the swans.

Vacation Schedules: Vacation schedules and Board Meetings were discussed. Currently the meetings will all have quorum.

Summer Camps: Ann will begin meeting with the camp directors. There are 6 camp applications received to date.

Solar Panel Farm: The Planning Board is meeting currently to discuss a solar panel farm on Chestnut Street. There are no Board of Health issues.

Avery Dennison building on Cross Street has changed ownership to Connecticut Chemical Industries (CCI).

Vital Records will go paperless in 2014. This will include Burial Permits issued by the BOH Agent.

MEMA is working on a state level evacuation plan. MEMA had sent out good recommendations for severe weather, which are posted on our website.

Website: The website transition is still on going.

Tire Collection: The Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Program will collect tires again this year on October 19th, from 9 to noon, at the Marshall Street recycling center.

Covanta: Tom Stanwood said that Covanta will wash their floor this weekend and apologized for the delay.

Region 4A: Liisa Jackson, Region 4A coordinator, is resigning at the end of June. Rich requested that we send Liisa a thank you note for all of her help in training and meeting with our volunteers, and wish her well. Ann will take care of that.

Region 4A has started getting satellite phones back in service after the situation where the cell phones were all shut down by the State Police after the Boston bombing. Our town has 2-way radios, but they are intended for use at one site, and don't have a long range.

Budget: The Finance Committee approved the \$1,250 budget transfer we requested within the FY'13 operating budget.

Title 5 revisions: Still haven't heard from the DEP regarding Title 5 revisions. The proposed High School concession stand plan still has no provision for waste water.

Town Businesses: 100 Central Block – The owner's attorney inquired about a sushi take-out business as a new tenant. But there is no outside grease trap, and T5 requires an outside grease trap

for a kitchen. The waste water flow for a food service business exceeds the current retail use flow, so it was not possible as the building is currently configured.

53 Jeffrey Ave. - Jim Cormier is moving his Karate Studio to 53 Jeffrey. The owner, Jack Farrell, provided the flow information for this multi-unit building, but omitted one of the current tenants; he is in process of revising his information for resubmittal.

16 Everett Street - Athletic Based Training, who moved from 53 Jeffrey to 16 Everett, wanted to know if their waste water flow was in compliance. But there are no separate water meters for the tenants so it is up to the owner to assist him.

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: 6/20/13