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Town of West Boylston

140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

The Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location of Meeting

10-10-2018 / 6pm / Room 127

Members Present
Members NOT Present
Guests

Robert Barrell; Beverly Salate; John Sullivan; N. Alan Harris

Michaun Fowler

Philip Leger; Eugenie Smith

Time: 6:01pm

Approval of Previous Minutes

Welcome - Call to Order

September 2018 minutes were reviewed and signed

Motion Originator Dr. Harris
Motion Seconded Ms. Salate

Result Approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

• 95 Sterling Street Rooster Nuisance

Discussion

Ms. Smith attended to inform the Board that the neighbors have not collared their rooster or removed it, as ordered by the Board, and to learn what steps the Board can take to enforce the Nuisance order. Mr. Barrell explained the options available and the difficulties involved, noting the time and cost of litigation. He also informed her that the Board intends to have a new By-law to regulate non-commercial farm animals ready for the May Town meeting. Dr. Sullivan and Ms. Salate recommended Ms. Smith make an effort to talk to her neighbor in person and Ms. Salate suggested she have someone accompany her. She stated she hesitates to do that because of the strong message she received in response to her email.

Results

Ms. Smith will consider approaching her neighbor in person to discuss the problem. She said she would also like to be involved in crafting the Bylaw.

301 Sterling St. Beaver permit update

Discussion

Mr. Barrell and Dr. Harris reported they visited the site. A second 10 day permit was issued. They determined based on all information available and coordination with DCR and MA Wildlife, the water needs to be lowered about two feet to complete the work being done. This cannot be accomplished without the removal of the beavers. Involved are MA highway, DCR, and Baldarelli properties. The Board can issue another 10 permit and a 30 day State extension as needed. Once the work is completed beavers will likely return and restore the wetlands, and should not require removal in the future.

Results The Beaver removal will be allowed to proceed as required to

complete the project.

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MONTHLY REPORTING

• CMRPHA Local Report

Discussion

Mr. Leger reported 11 routine inspections, and one reinspection; two complaints were addressed. Relative to inspections: the routine inspections showed no critical issues and the re-inspection was positive for compliance. Two housing complaints were addressed and are ongoing; one of them is likely not compliant with zoning by-laws and has been referred to the Building Commissioner.

• CMRPHA Regional Report

Discussion

Mr. Leger reported that the threat of West Nile Virus continues to be moderate with increasing number of human cases confirmed throughout the region. There is a quarterly Alliance meeting on 10-31-18, 12:30 to 2pm at the Grafton Municipal Center. The 2013 FDA Federal Food Code has been adopted and in effect as of October 5, 2018. Changes relative to permitting and certifications primarily affect retail businesses and limited use non-profits. A new inspection form will be phased in. Mr. Leger recommended that Permit applications for the relevant businesses and non-profits be held until he has more clarification.

• Bill approval & Financial report

Ms. Lee reported the Revolving Account Balance. She presented one invoice for payment approval.

Motion to Accept Ms. Salate
Seconded Dr. Sullivan

Result Approved unanimously

Office Report

Title 5 Projects

385 Lancaster – Building Dept. Cease & Desist order still in effect. 58 Prescott – no update.

307 Lancaster - on hold till next year.

228 Lancaster – Septic replacement – plans received, see below. 27 Malden – verbal ok for CoC from Finlay; awaiting paperwork 9 Malden – Contractor stated expects to start soon.

81 Pine Arden Drive – sewer hooked up, abandonment of Septic system completed, fee and certificate received.

330 Lancaster – Component repair completed; T-5 fee due, CoC to be signed.

Title 5 inspections passed - 136 Hosmer.

Note: Mr. Barrell requested information about the sewer connection violation at 45, 49, and 53 Central Street properties. He proposed the violation be re-opened once the owner is out of bankruptcy.

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228 Lancaster Street Septic Upgrade

Mr. Leger reviewed the submitted plans. He proposes septic replacement be approved for local upgrade with sieve analysis in lieu of perc test. The Engineer will re-submit the plans to reflect this change.

Motion to Accept Dr. Harris
Seconded Ms. Salate

Result Approved unanimously

OTHER - ONGOING

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Substance Abuse Committee update

Discussion

Ms. Salate reports that due to lack of local interest and support from Worcester, the Committee decided to put the committee on hold. They will have the informational table at the 10-13-18 Town event.

Ms. Lee ordered the tablecloth and it should be available for the Town-wide clean up event on 10-13-18. The tablecloth can be used in other events in the future.

Recreational Marijuana update

Discussion

Mr. Barrell reminded the Board that the upcoming Town Meeting on 10-15-18 will determine whether Marijuana Dispensaries will be allowed in Town and if so, the Zoning restrictions. If the Town votes in favor of the dispensaries, the Board will likely have some involvement in permitting and inspecting the businesses. Also the current Tobacco Sales and Smoking regulations will have to be reviewed and amended as needed to include marijuana.

Board of Health Regulations review

Discussion

Tabled – to be revisited at future meetings as time permits.

By-law for Non-commercial Farm animals

Discussion

Town Animal Control Officer Steve Jones was unable to attend: Ms. Lee will follow up and request his attendance at the next Board meeting. Item tabled.

PHEP Equipment relocation

Discussion

Mr. Barrell and Ms. Salate will be coordinating the relocation of the items with the appropriate parties. Ms. Lee noted that there is equipment (e.g. jackets and walkie-talkies) in the office filing cabinets that also should be moved to the trailer located near the Fire Department, to be more easily accessible.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion Originator Motion Seconded

Dr. Harris Ms. Salate

Result Approved 4-0

Time of Adjournment 7:46 pm

Signatures

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

Michaun Fowler, BSM

N. Alan Harris, MD, Vice Chairman

John Sullivan, MD

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

Submitted by: **Margaret Lee** Date Submitted: 11-14-18

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