



THE BOARD OF HEALTH

April 13, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Robert Barrell, Beverly Salate, Celia Hartigan, and Lisa Henderson

Members absent: N. Alan Harris, Danielle Gagnon

Also present: Phil Leger, Charlie Witkus (West Boylston Animal Control Officer), and Sighle Philbin (Chairperson for Agricultural Commission)

Chairman Barrell convened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: After review and upon motion of Mrs. Salate and second of Mrs. Hartigan it was voted all in favor to approve the minutes for the March 9, 2016 Board of Health meeting.

185 Laurel Street: A complaint from Laurel Street, regarding a Rooster problem. There were chickens loose and a rooster crowing. Similar to a complaint in 2009, Agricultural Commission feels this falls under them and each case needs to be addressed individually. Sighle Philbin, Chairperson for Agricultural Commission, does not recommend creating a by-law for this issue. If parties cannot reach an agreement, then a request for state assistance can be made from the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution (State agencies are public entities). Ms. Philbin suggests we refer these cases to the Agricultural Commission. Animal control officer will check on Laurel Street chicken/rooster situation periodically. No violation noted when he visited the property recently.

Plan: When the summer intern begins working with us, have them research on what other towns are doing. Also, have intern check options for securing chickens/roosters, and by-laws for animal restrictions.

Longview/Maplewood: A noise complaint for a diesel truck idling. An additional complaint for resident blowing sand and soot at neighbor. On March 8th and 9th no violations noted. Resident went to court and the noise complaint proved to be invalid. ZBA involved now because of commercial vehicles in residential neighborhood. Trucks appear to be in good working order, passing the California emissions law.

CMRPHA April Meeting updates: Mike Mendez is working out of West Boylston in the afternoons. A complaint of trash in the yard by Nuha Circle was followed up by Mr. Mendez, and it was found to be

under control. There is a new epidemiologist which will be combined with Worcester nursing services. See attached CMRPHA report. Worcester Division of Public Health/Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance has achieved national accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB); first in Massachusetts to achieve as a public health department.

Route 12/Sterling Street: There is rising water on the East bound side of Sterling Street/Route 12, by the old Balderelli Brothers Sand and Gravel pit. DCR has been aware and working on the issue for several years.

Pay Bills: Bills were paid for March.

69 Malden Street: Approved septic plans

Intern: The intern for the upcoming summer, Amelia DiDomenico-Houghton, to begin 120 hours after May 25, 2016 orientation. Beverly Salate to attend training in Boston with intern. Plan to work on by-laws for animals and/or research what other towns are doing about animals.

Opioid Issue: Beverly Salate to work with school and police to plan a program for community in relation to current opioid issue.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Mrs. Salate and a second by Mrs. Henderson it was voted all in favor to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Danielle Gagnon

Robert J. Barrell, MPA, Chairman

Lisa M. Henderson RN, LSW

Beverly A. Salate, RN, BSN

Celia F. Hartigan, RN, MPH