

Board of Health
10 Mechanic Street, Bellingham, MA 02019
Also via Zoom
Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2024
7:00 PM

PRESENT

Chairperson – Vincent Forte, Jr.
Board Member – Rick Gilberti
Board Member – Richard Martinelli
Health Agent – Dylan Labonte

OTHER ATTENDEES

NONE

ABSENT

Minutes Clerk – Laura Renaud via Zoom
Food and Tobacco Inspector – Robert Griffin

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Forte called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES

April 2, 2024

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2024, as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martinelli, and the motion carried.

TOBACCO AND FOOD AGENT UPDATES:

Agent Griffin was absent. The Board questioned if Hilltop Farms was selling the business to a brand-new owner or just leasing the space. A new person has applied for a tobacco permit. If it is a new owner, they would be within 500 feet of another business that sells tobacco products. This is not allowed. Agent Labonte stated he has not approved it yet as they still do not have all the correct paperwork for him. When they do, he will discuss it with Agent Griffin as he is more knowledgeable in this subject. The Board asked for a copy of the Tobacco Rules and Regulations for the next meeting. Agent Labonte or Ms. Renaud will take care of that.

Mr. Martinelli made a motion to require the Tobacco Agent to attend one Board Meeting a month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilberti, and the motion carried.

Agent Labonte will speak with him and ask Ms. Renaud to send an email to him.

Agent Labonte stated as far as he knows all food inspections are up to date. He will speak with Agent Griffin on this matter, too. Agent Labonte stated that he will begin the 2nd quarter food inspections.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES:

419 Maple Street

Agent Labonte updated the Board on this ongoing septic system. There was approximately one day of work to be done to complete the system. No one knows why the installer has not completed this. The weather has been good. The DEP has been asking about the tight tank and where the waste is going. Agent Labonte will be calling Mr. Marchand the next day to find out the status of these questions.

Septic Systems

Agent Labonte stated he has been busy with septic inspections. He did bring Board Member Gilberti with him so he could better understand how the process of inspecting septic systems works.

NEW BUSINESS

Agent Labonte stated there was an email that came through to the BOH and DPW from the DEP. There is a new project of townhouses going in on Lake Street and Prospect Street. DEP wants corrective action taken as they saw fill floating in the wetlands in this area. The Board discussed putting the camera up there. Agent Labonte is going to add this area to the list of cleanup sites on Earth Day.

OLD BUSINESS

Earth Day

Agent Labonte brought the Board up to date on Earth Day. At this date there are about 60 volunteers who have signed up. The food and equipment donations have been very generous. The event signs will all be showing the details for that day. Agent Labonte has put out a reverse 911 call which will help bring in more volunteers. The planning is going well.

Recycling Information

Agent Labonte put together a letter explaining to the residents what can and cannot be brought to the recycling center. He will put it out in the newspaper and to the Senior Center.

GOALS

CBD/Psychoactive Substances Regulation

Agent Labonte has sent the draft regulation to the Town Counsel. He has set up a conference call with KP Law on 04.17.24 to discuss this. He requested Agent Griffin to sit in on the call with him. He will keep the Board updated.

Food Insecurity

On hold when time allows.

Interns

Agent Labonte will be looking for an intern student but would like Mr. Forte to put a detailed description together of what the BOH needs. Mr. Forte will do so.

BILLS

None

PLAN REVIEWS

None

BETTERMENT LOANS

None

Preliminary Application – 80 Nason Street

Agent Labonte explained this septic system is in extreme failure. It is approximately 50 years old. They do make under the maximum amount. That information will be forwarded to the office. ADC has been out there and confirmed it needed repair. Agent Labonte is asking that the Board sign the preliminary application so they can get started on the repair. The Board noted all requirements were met and signed the application and agreement.

BETTERMENT BILLS

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to approve the invoice to Allen Engineering in the amount of \$ 3,225.00 for 117 Yvone Road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martinelli, and the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martinelli, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Renaud

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Minutes Clerk

Approved ____/____/____