

**Board of Health
Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2024
Arcand Meeting Room
7:00 PM
And Meeting via Zoom**

PRESENT

Chairperson – Vincent Forte, Jr.
Board Member – Rick Gilberti
Health Agent – Dylon Labonte
Minutes Clerk – Laura Renaud via Zoom

OTHER ATTENDEES

ABSENT

Vice Chairperson - Patricia Leclair
Food and Tobacco Inspector – Robert Griffin

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES

January 30, 2024

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to approve the minutes of January 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forte, and the motion carried.

TOBACCO AND FOOD AGENT UPDATES:

Agent Griffin was absent.

15 Moody Street – Tobacco Permit

Agent Labonte stated that the owner of 15 Moody Street and his attorney was in attendance. Mr. Pardeep has had a tobacco permit for 2 years for this property. He has made numerous attempts to open. The Board did not allow him to renew his permit. He has held this permit for 2 years. And he is also in arrears with his real estate taxes to the town. Agent Labonte stated that he did pay his taxes on this day, so he is all current with that.

His attorney stated Mr. Pardeep is ready to open the next day. His brother is qualified and will use the register with ID check. He will be living in the upstairs apartment and able to be open 7 days a week.

The Board explained they were not trying to hurt his business but holding on to a permit for 2+ years was not acceptable. Agent Labonte stated he is ready to open, all taxes are paid. He will go the next day, do a pre-opening inspection, and issue his Tobacco Permit for 2024. The Board agreed to issue the Tobacco Permit.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES:

251 Shirley Road

Agent Labonte explained that this plan required approval from the Board, but it turned into an emergency as there was back flow going into the house. Mr. Forte came in and signed the plan. The repair was done. Mr. Gilberti stated he understood and will also sign the plan.

Supermarket and School Inspections – Updates

Agent Labonte has completed 2 of the supermarket inspections. He will be doing Market Basket. He did speak to Liz Bell, Food Director of the schools. They have scheduled the school inspections for March 26th. Agent Forte reminded him that the box truck they deliver food in must be inspected also. Agent Labonte stated he understood. He will update the Board when they are completed.

419 Maple Street – Update

Agent Labonte told the Board that they finally found out where the septic tank leak was coming from. He will be speaking with the engineer John Glossa. They are on the right track and Agent Labonte will keep the Board updated.

Livestock Bylaw Meetings

Agent Labonte and Mr. Forte attended the Planning Board meeting to get the approval to bring the change in the Livestock Bylaw to Town Meeting. They approved the request to change the Livestock Bylaw. Agent Labonte explained that it would now go before the Selectboard for a review and then back to the Planning Board for final approval. It will be put on the warrant for the Spring Town Meeting.

F.O. G. Updates

Agent Labonte and Mr. Forte met with the Charles River Pollution Control group to discuss F.O.G. Regulations and Grease Traps. The DPW has a map of specific locations that produce a large amount of grease. Sean from DPW and Agent Labonte will be going to each place to check them out and to educate the businesses about disposal of grease.

Rapid Refill – Donation Bins

Agent Labonte explained that Rapid Refill has decided to keep the donation bins on their property. They have 2 units with 2 bins in each unit. The Board agreed it will be \$200.00 per unit. This is the same volume as the ones at Larry's, just a different configuration.

NEW BUSINESS

Earth Day 2024

The Board agreed to have Earth Day on April 27th with a rain date of May 4th. Agent Labonte suggested forming a committee. He will take care of this with Hannah in Conservation and the staff in the Inspectional Services Department. He stated now that the Board has chosen a set date we can get started with the details.

Hazardous Waste Day

The Board requested Agent Labonte get the date for the Hazardous Waste Day. Town Administrator Denis Fraine is the one that oversees setting this up.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

GOALS

Food Insecurities – On Hold

Internship – On Hold

PLAN REVIEWS

9 Bliss Road

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to allow the approval of a waiver to reduce the setback of the septic system from a 4-foot separation to a 2-foot separation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and the motion carried. A notice of intent has been submitted to the Conservation Commission.

251 Shirley Drive

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to approve the local upgrade 310 CMR: 51.405 (1) (i) to allow the reduction of the required 12-inch separation between the inlet and outlet tees to high groundwater elevation provided that all boots or pipe joints are sealed with hydraulic cement or installed with a watertight sleeve and the tank is proven to be watertight as shown on the septic plan for 251 Shirley Drive. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and the motion carried.

BILLS

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to approve the invoice for the Salmon VNS for \$ 670.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and the motion carried.

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to approve the invoice to NEHA (National Environmental Health Association) for \$105.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and the motion carried.

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to approve the invoice to SD Inspections for \$1050.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and the motion carried.

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to approve the invoice for Steve Gurwitz at Hilltop Farms for \$ 200.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and the motion carried.

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to approve the invoice for the Bellingham Sportsman Club for \$200.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and the motion carried.

BETTERMENT LOANS

None

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None

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mr. Forte wanted to thank Patricia Leclair. After 12 years she is resigning from the Board of Health to pursue other interests. She brought great qualities to the Board of Health with her medical background and voice of reason.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Gilberti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Renaud

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Minutes Clerk

Approved 3/5/24.