

**Board of Health
Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2022
Remote Meeting via Zoom Video**

PRESENT:

Chairperson – Vincent Forte, Jr. via Zoom
Member: Michael Hennessey via Zoom
Health Agent – Bruce Wilson, Jr. via Zoom
Minutes Clerk: Laura Renaud via Zoom
Food & Tobacco Inspector: Robert Griffin III via Zoom

ABSENT

Vice Chairperson - Patricia Leclair

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2022, as presented. Mr. Forte seconded, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed changing the annual renewal date for animal and livestock permits to January 1st every year, so it coincides with all other permit renewal dates.

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to change the annual renewal date for the animal and livestock permit to January 1st of every year. Mr. Forte seconded, and the motion carried.

TOBACCO AGENT UPDATES:

Town Counsel and Agent Griffin are still working on the verbiage for the amendment to the Tobacco Regulations. They are also working on the regulation for the vaping. Mr. Griffin stated he should have this at the next meeting.

BP SHOP, VB VARIETY, INC., 1052 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Ashish Patel is a friend of the owner. He was at this store the previous weekend. He stated their business is not doing well without the tobacco permit. He is asking the status of this tobacco permit and what can they do to resolve this. He feels they followed all necessary steps to acquire this permit. And it was issued and taken back. This store may be empty which is not helpful to the town either.

Mr. Griffin explained there was a discrepancy when the tobacco permit was issued. They did not acquire the business they acquired the property. The issue is the distance to the store. This does not meet the regulations. The Board does not want to put anyone out of business. The Board made the ruling back in May with advisement of Town Counsel. He is working with Town Counsel to see what can be done to remedy this. He will speak with Town Counsel and invite her to the next meeting.

FOOD INSPECTOR UPDATES

Mr. Griffin stated that the software program is not working correctly for food inspections. He is working with the Permit Eyes staff and Karen Jasinski-Dutil, I.T. for the town. He will keep the Board up to date.

Mr. Forte inquired about the new restaurant that will be going into 799 South Main Street where the Rock N Coal establishment was. Mr. Wilson stated they have not applied for any food permits yet. He will check with the Building Department to see what permits they have applied for.

GOALS:

Food Grade System

Agent Wilson and Agent Griffin will continue to work on this through research and on social media.

Intern

The staff will continue to work on this. Ms. Renaud put in the application to the DPH. She will keep the Board up to date when she hears back from them. As of this date Ms. Renaud has not hear back but will reach out at the beginning of the new year.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES

The Charles

Agent Wilson stated the hot water heater at The Charles has been repaired and is up and running. He visits the site every few days to see if they are keeping up with their trash issue. They are doing a good job. There doesn't seem to be any problem at this time.

RODENTS

Mr. Wilson stated that there have been complaints by some residents with rat problems this Fall. It is unusual. He asked the Board of their comments on this. The Board felt that all they could do was remind residents to clean up their yards. Chicken feed left out will attract rodents. It is also recommended not to keep sources of water available.

BILLS

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the invoice to Salmon VNA for \$ 666.66. Mr. Forte seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the invoice to Amazon for \$ 319.00. Mr. Forte seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the invoice to WB Mason for \$ 39.79. Mr. Forte seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the invoice to Agent Griffin for food inspections for \$1, 650.00. Mr. Forte seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the invoice to Agent Griffin for tobacco inspections for \$1, 250.00. Mr. Forte seconded, and the motion carried.

BETTERMENT LOANS

Final Sign Offs

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the final sign off for 150 South Main Street, Mr. Hennessey seconded, and the motion carried.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the final sign off for 40 Scott Hill Blvd, Mr. Hennessey seconded, and the motion carried.

BETTERMENT BILLS

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to approve the invoice to ADC Septic and Dawn Fontaine of 40 Pains Street for \$ 33, 450.00. Mr. Forte seconded, and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hennessey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Renaud

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Minutes Clerk

Approved ____/____/____