

BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Remote Meeting via Zoom Video

PRESENT

Health Agent: Bruce Wilson, Jr.

Chairperson: Kelly McGovern

Vice Chairperson: Vincent Forte, Jr.

Member: Patricia Leclair

Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2021 meeting, as submitted.

Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried. Ms. Leclair abstained from the motion as she was not present for the October 5th meeting.

COVID POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the number of Covid-19 cases in Town. The number of active cases in the State has been on a steady decrease over the past few weeks. The Town numbers seem to be staying on the lower side and have also come down recently. Residents seem to be keeping themselves and family members as safe as possible during these times.

Mr. Wilson told Board Members that he has been discussing the possibility of providing vaccination to students aged 5 – 11 in the coming months. This is still being discussed and nothing will be offered until more details are made available to students and families in the school system.

NEW BUSINESS

PERMIT FEE UPDATES

Mr. Wilson and Ms. Renaud have been preparing a list of updated permit fees to discuss with Board Members. Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the permit fee schedule, to be effective as of January 1, 2022. In addition to permit fee changes there will also be a late fee added to all renewals that come in after January 15th, which will double the amount of all food permit fees.

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

MAVEN – VOLUNTEER

Ms. McGovern told Board Members that retired nurse Linda Valinski, had previously inquired about volunteering her services and knowledge of the State's MAVEN System. Ms. Valinski offered to volunteer for 4-5 hours per week for the Town. Board Members agreed that this would be a great benefit to the Town and will help the Public Health Nurse, Ms. Martone, with some of her duties. Ms. McGovern asked Mr. Wilson to request a MAVEN user id and password for Ms. Valinski so that she can start volunteering as of December 1st.

OLD BUSINESS

64 RUTHELLEN ROAD

Mr. Wilson recently inspected 64 Ruthellen Road, regarding the complaints that had been coming into the office for not properly taking care of animals and their environment. The pigs, rabbits and ducks have all been removed from the property. In addition, the chicken coop has been relocated and the 30-day extension that was requested and approved was not needed. A receipt was provided to the office for proof that the goats were fully vaccinated as of October 7th. The owners have purchased manure bins for the property and now have the pet's food and manure properly stored. The property owners have complied with all Board mandates and the property is now showing as "in-compliance."

UNATTENDED DONATION BINS - REGULATIONS

There have been a number of complaints regarding overflowing dumpsters and donation bins at various properties in Town. Board members have been preparing a Regulation that is going to be established and put in place to help prevent against property owners not addressing the trash and overflowing bins on their properties.

Board Members have been working on a draft of the Regulation since the October 5th meeting. All sections of the draft were reviewed and discussed for additions and revisions needed. Mr. Wilson will be updating the draft with the discussed changes and will then be sending it to Town Counsel for review. Board Members are hoping to have the copy back from Town Counsel by the next meeting, scheduled for November 2nd, in order to put the new Regulations into effect as soon as possible. At the next meeting, Board Members will also be discussing the new application form that will be required when applying for donation bins on their property.

CORRESPONDENCE

BETTERMENT LOAN UPDATES

Ms. McGovern informed Board Members that she recently noticed a couple addresses on the Betterment Loan Program that have listed their properties for sale before the 6-month restriction has passed. Currently, any loan program applicant must sign that they have not listed their property for sale within the past year and will not list for the next 6 months. Board Members discussed the option of putting a penalty in place for any applicant that doesn't adhere to the application guidelines. Mr. Forte made a motion to increase the timeframe that a loan program applicant can list their property for sale after a system is completed will go from 6 months to one year. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. McGovern asked Mr. Wilson to talk to Town Counsel regarding the amount of a penalty charge that can be assessed to program recipients that don't stay within the program guidelines.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES

NEW AND PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS

Mr. Wilson updated the Board on the Flu Clinic's that have been established through Walgreens and will be completed at various Town locations. The clinic at the Senior Center was held on October 8th. The Town Hall will be hosting a clinic on October 19th and the High School on October 22nd. Correspondence with the dates/times and vaccine consent form have been sent out to all Town Personnel through email and anyone that is interested in receiving the vaccine.

PLANS

4 ROCKLAND CIRCLE

A septic design plan for 4 Rockland Circle was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests that were reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Allow the septic tank to be installed 5' from the foundation where 10' is required

Per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(b)

- Use of a 40 MIL Poly Barrier will also be required

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

61 MOODY STREET

A septic design plan for 61 Moody Street was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade requests that were reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Allow the system to be installed 5'4" from the side property line where 10' is required

Per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(a)

- Allow the system to be installed 3'8" from the rear property line where 10' is required

Per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(a)

- Allow the septic tank to be installed 3'4" from the property line where 10' is required

Per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(a)

- Allow the septic tank to be installed 5' from the foundation wall where 10' is required

Per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(b)

- Allow the system to be installed 12' from the foundation where 20' is required

Per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(b)

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Forte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin

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NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 2, 2021 AT 7:00 PM