

Board of Health Meeting Minutes 04/06/2017

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BOARD OF HEALTH

APRIL 06, 2017

Minutes

PRESENT

Chairman: Vincent Forte, Jr.

Vice Chairman: Tricia Leclair

Member: Kelly McGovern

Health Agent: Michael Catalano

Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Forte called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. McGovern to approve the minutes of March 16, 2017, as submitted.

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

TOBACCO

Mr. Catalano told the Board that the Tobacco agent will be coming to the next Board of Health meeting on April 20, 2017 to update the Board on tobacco permits and sales.

OLD BUSINESS

Circle CG: Mr. Catalano updated the Board on the construction work that is being done at Circle CG. The project completion deadline has passed and the system is still not done. Mr. Daley of Circle CG told Mr. Catalano that they have hit a large amount of ledge while trying to finish up the project.

Mr. Catalano told the Board that Circle CG is working as fast as possible to get through the ledge problem as this has now become a large daily expense due to the equipment and manpower being used to get through the ledge. Mr. Catalano told the Board that Mr. Daley is hoping to have everything completed before the next Board of Health meeting on April 20, 2017.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to extend the sewer connection timeframe until April 20, 2017.

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

Livestock Committee: Mr. Forte took this time to thank all of the members of the livestock committee for their time and effort that they put into preparing the new livestock regulations. The committee met multiple times over the past few months to put together a set of regulations that will be presented at tonight's Public Hearing.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to dissolve the livestock committee. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and the motion carried.

Mr. Forte opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. The Board discussed the new regulations that were drafted and asked the public if there were any questions or issues with these proposed regulations. The people that were present for the Public Hearing said that the draft was fair and agreed with the new regulations.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to close the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to accept the livestock regulations, as submitted, to go into effect on May 01, 2017. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Forte discussed the Sierra Club and pipeline fracking that is currently taking place in other towns in Massachusetts as well as other states. Mr. Forte asked that the Board consider supporting the MHB and the Sierra Club by adding Bellingham to the petition letter with the list of towns that will not support pipeline fracking.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to support the Sierra Club and add Bellingham to the petition letter. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

Mr. Catalano discussed a new software program that the Board of Health would like to purchase. This software would be an update to what is already being used and provide the Board with many more features that the current software does not provide.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the purchase of the software through the Professional Services fund in the amount of \$299. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES

The Board acknowledged and discussed the recent inspections and complaints that have come in since the last meeting. Ms. McGovern and Mr. Cataldo told the Board that they have gone to these properties and discussed the situations and their findings with the Board members.

Mr. Catalano discussed the Table Top Exercise that will be taking place on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. The exercise will take place from 9:00 a.m. until noon time. It is strongly recommended that Town Administration, Board of Health members, Police and Fire Officials, DPW Employees and School Administration attend this event.

Ms. McGovern updated the Board on the Earth Day / Clean Up Day that is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017. An advertisement was placed in the Bellingham Bulletin newspaper with the details of the event. Information was provided in the advertisement to let people know the details of the event and how they can register to volunteer.

BILLS

A motion was made by Ms. Leclair to pay \$147 to the postmaster for postage and supplies. Her motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Leclair to pay Techno Publications \$353 for printing services. Her motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried.

BETTERMENT BILLS

Ms. Leclair moved to pay Colonial Engineering and Mr. Hemstedt \$3,000 for a Betterment Bill at 1221 Pulaski Blvd. Her motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and passed.

Ms. Leclair moved to pay Windriver Environmental and Elizabeth Metivier \$ 2,300 for a Betterment Bill at 30 Arthur Street. Her motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and passed.

BETTERMENT LOANS

Ms. McGovern moved to approve the signing of a betterment agreement between the Town of Bellingham and Mr. Lopez of 12 Fairway Drive. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Forte abstained from the vote.

Ms. McGovern moved to approve the signing of a betterment agreement between the Town of Bellingham and Mr. Hemstedt of 1221 Pulaski Blvd. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion passed.

Ms. McGovern moved to approve the signing of a betterment agreement between the Town of Bellingham and Ms. Metivier of 30 Arthur Street. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion passed.

PLANS FOR REVIEW

A Septic Plan for 454 Center Street was reviewed by the Board. Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the plan as noted:

- Please reduce the estimated seasonal high ground water from 4' to 3' per 310 CMR 15.405(g), with a 10 minute percolation rate

Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McGovern moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin

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NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 20, 2017 AT 7:30 PM