

Board of Health Meeting Minutes 02/15/2018

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BOARD OF HEALTH

February 15, 2018

Minutes

PRESENT

Chairperson: Tricia Leclair
Vice Chairperson: Kelly McGovern
Member: Vincent Forte, Jr.
Health Agent: Michael Catalano
Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

MINUTES

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 01, 2018 meeting, as submitted.
Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Board members reviewed and discussed the tasks from the previous meeting.

The Board agreed to postpone the submission of employee review forms for Mr. Catalano until the next meeting.

TOBACCO

Tobacco agent, Marilyn Edge along with MAHB Attorney, Cheryl Sbarra were present at tonight's meeting to discuss the Tobacco Regulations. Ms. Sbarra discussed the edits that she made to the current Board of Health regulations for restricting the sale of tobacco products. A copy of the updated regulations were given to all Board members to review. Ms. Sbarra also suggested that a section of the tobacco regulations be taken out and placed into a separate bylaw for "synthetic / organic mind-altering substances." Board Members agreed with all the updates and revisions to the regulations.

Mr. Dennis Lane from the Coalition for Responsible Retailing was also present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Lane asked if he could have a moment of the Board's time to introduce himself and the company he represents. Mr. Lane told the Board that he works with local retail stores to try to keep tobacco products away from minors. Mr. Lane discussed the "Purchase, Possession and Use" laws that he would like more cities and towns to enforce. The Board told Mr. Lane that they would take this information into advisement and thanked him for taking the time to come in tonight.

8:30 - PUBLIC HEARING

Body Art and Piercing Regulations:

Mr. Forte made a motion to continue this Public Hearing until the next meeting, scheduled for March 01, 2018 at 8:30 pm. His motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board Members acknowledged and reviewed a copy of the 2019 Budget Worksheet that was provided to them tonight.

The Board reviewed a Public Hearing notice that was provided to them from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, regarding the Vegetation Management Plan.

Board Members discussed the Official Ballot question for the special Town Election that will take place on March 6, 2018 for the marijuana bylaw.

GOALS

Mr. Forte discussed the use of cameras that he would like to place on certain roads that constantly have issues with litter. Board members discussed different options for cameras and pricing. The Board agreed to the purchase of one camera for now to see if it can help control some of the littering issues.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES

Mr. Catalano discussed the details about the Earth Day advertisements that have been placed. A copy of the ad was given to the Board to review. Earth Day / Clean-up Day will be on Saturday, April 21st with the option of a rain date on Sunday, April 22nd. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Information about this event has been posted on local cable television and placed in the Bellingham Bulletin newspaper.

Mr. Catalano told the Board that all the businesses still needing to pay for their Food and Tobacco permits have now paid.

Mr. Catalano discussed the complaints that have come into the Board of Health Office since the last meeting. A copy of the complaint log was given to all Board members to review. Board members acknowledged and discussed these complaints.

BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Forte to pay \$130.00 to MHOA for the Annual Winter Seminar. His motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Forte to pay \$39.91 to Gatehouse Media for advertisements. His motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Forte to pay \$1,050.00 to Mike Sarasin for Food Inspections. His motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried.

BETTERMENT LOANS

The Board reviewed the current budget and applications for Betterment Loans. No new applications were signed at tonight's meeting. Board members agreed to continue funding the Betterment Loan applications that have already been approved and to wait on the signing any new applications at this time.

PLAN REVIEW

Mark Allen from Allen Engineering came into the meeting tonight to discuss the septic plan for 190 Farm Street. Mr. Allen discussed the type of business that will be there, the amount of office space and estimated number of employees that will be using the system during normal operating hours.

Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the plan for the septic system at 190 Farm Street as submitted. Ms. McGovern seconded and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McGovern moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin
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**NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 01, 2018 AT 7:30 PM
DOWNSTAIRS**