

BOARD OF HEALTH

June 06, 2019

Minutes

PRESENT

Health Consultant: Bruce Wilson, Jr.

Chairperson: Kelly McGovern

Vice Chairperson: Vincent Forte, Jr.

Member: Tricia Leclair

Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Ms. Griffin asked Board members if there was a nomination for Chairperson. Ms. McGovern made a motion to appoint Mr. Forte as Chairman of the Board. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Forte made a motion to appoint Ms. Leclair as Vice Chairperson of the Board. His motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried.

Ms. Leclair made a motion to appoint Ms. McGovern as Member of the Board. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Forte and carried.

BOARD REORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

Chairperson: Vincent Forte, Jr.

Vice-Chairperson: Tricia Leclair

Member: Kelly McGovern

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Forte called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

MINUTES

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2019 meeting, as submitted.

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Board members discussed the Public Health Nurse Position and job description details that need to be included in the advertisement for the position posting.

NEW BUSINESS

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Board members discussed the upcoming summer meeting schedule and have agreed on cancelling the August 1st meeting. Therefore, there will be one meeting in July on the 18th of the month and one meeting in August, on the 15th of the month.

AMEND LIVESTOCK REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE CATS

Board members reviewed the current livestock regulations and agreed that cats should be in their own set of regulations and not included in the livestock regulations. The Board reviewed information from local Towns, as well as the State regarding cat regulations. Ms. McGovern suggested that Board members draft a set of regulations just for cats and review the draft at the next Board of Health meeting on June 20th.

SIGNAGE FOR VEHICLE

Mr. Forte would like to have the vehicle that is currently used by the Board of Health and Inspectional Services, lettered to say "Town of Bellingham" or have the Bellingham Town Emblem added to it. Ms. McGovern would like Ms. Renaud check with Mr. Fraine and see if he will allow them to have vinyl decals and letting made for the Town vehicle.

GRANT FOR INTERNS

Ms. McGovern provided information to the Board about the possibility for Summer Interns to help out in the Department for next year. The deadline for this current year was June 1st and has passed. However, the Board would like to pursue this in the future and hopefully be on the list for next year.

CBD RE-LEAF RULES

The Board acknowledged and discussed the CBD Re-Leaf location that just opened within the past couple of weeks. Mr. Wilson will visit this location to confirm that the products being sold are within the Towns Regulations.

CORRESPONDENCE

RESUME'S – JOB APPLICATIONS

Board members received additional resumes and employment applications for the Health Agent position that is currently posted. The Board will be interviewing applicants that have the proper qualifications and experience at the next Board of Health meeting on June 20th.

FOOD INSPECTIONS

The Board reviewed Food Inspector reports that were submitted by inspectors Michael Sarasin and Robert Griffin III. Ms. McGovern would like to see if Mr. Sarasin is available to inspect the schools before they close for the summer. Ms. McGovern updated the Food inspector Report and provided all Board members with a copy for review.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Bellingham Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 7:15 pm for the proposal to repair an existing septic system located in the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and within the 100 foot Inner Riverfront area at Assessors Map 50 Lot 57, 32 David Road, Bellingham. The hearing will be held at the Bellingham Municipal Center, 10 Mechanic Street, Bellingham, MA.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES

NEW AND PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS

The Board discussed new and previous complaints that have come into the Board of Health office since that last meeting, held on May 16, 2019.

DISCUSSION

SEPTIC REGULATIONS

Mr. Wilson discussed the Septic Regulations Waiver that the Board has been reviewing at previous meetings. Board members would like the Waiver to be attached to the permit so that all applicants receive a copy of it. Additional septic regulation items will be discussed at the next Board of Health meeting on June 20th.

FOOD INSPECTOR POSITION

Ms. McGovern received information from a person that is interested in the Food Inspector Position. The Board would like this applicant to come in for an interview at the next Board of Health meeting on June 20, 2019.

BILLS

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$75.00 to the MHOA for job advertisement postings. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$150.00 to the MMA for job advertisement postings. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$1,325.00 to Bruce Wilson, Jr. for Health Consultant Services. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

BETTERMENT BILLS

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay the Betterment Bill in the amount of \$1,420.00 to Land Planning and Mr. Cowell of 485 Hartford Avenue for septic installation certifications. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

BETTERMENT LOANS

The Betterment Loan application for 454 Wrentham Road will be continued until the next Board of Health meeting, scheduled for June 20th.

PLANS

The Board reviewed a septic design plan for 70 South Main Street.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the design plan with the following local upgrade requests:

- Request to allow the reduction in the separation distance between the leaching system to the cellar wall from 20' to 12' and the leaching system to the septic tank from 10' to 8' Per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(b)

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed a septic design plan for 31 Irene Court.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the design plan with the following local upgrade requests:

- Request to allow the reduction in the separation between the bottom of the Soil Absorption System and High Groundwater elevation from 4' to 3' per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(h)

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Leclair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm. Her motion was seconded by Ms. McGovern and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin
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NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 20, 2019 AT 7:00 PM