

BOARD OF HEALTH

March 10, 2020

Minutes

PRESENT

Health Agent: Bruce Wilson, Jr.
Chairperson: Vincent Forte, Jr.
Vice Chairperson: Patricia Leclair
Member: Kelly McGovern
Minutes Clerk: Tina Griffin

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting, as submitted. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

TOBACCO

7:30 PUBLIC HEARING – AMEND TOBACCO REGULATIONS

Tobacco Agent, Marilyn Edge and MAHB Attorney, Cheryl Sbarra were present at tonight's meeting to discuss the Tobacco Regulations Draft that has been revised by the Board.

Mr. Forte opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 7:30 pm and read the Notice out loud: The Bellingham Board of Health will hold this Public Hearing to discuss amending the Tobacco Regulations to align with, and/or make stricter than, the new Massachusetts State law.

Ms. Sbarra explained any part of the Regulation that was being revised and what the revision entailed. Anna Bettencourt, Senior Category Manager for Verc Enterprises was present with questions that were addressed by the Board. Mr. Forte closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 7:50 pm. The final draft of the Regulations will be printed and signed at the next Board of Health meeting, currently scheduled for April 7, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

LITTER – LAKE STREET

Board members discussed the Littering issue at Lake Street and steps the Board has taken to deter this area from being a "drop-off" area for trash and bulk items.

T-SHIRT CONTEST WINNER

The Board was given copies of submissions received for the Earth Day T-Shirt contest. Board members reviewed the submissions and chose a winner that will have their artwork printed on the Clean-up Event T-Shirts. The winner chosen was 12-year-old, Ava Laquerre. Ava will receive a \$50 gift card and her logo will be sent to the printer to be placed on the Earth Day T-Shirts.

EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP EVENT – APRIL 25TH

This year will be the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. The Annual Earth Day Clean-Up Event will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2020. Volunteers are asked to arrive at the Municipal Center at 9:00 am. Transportation will be provided from the Municipal Center to the sites that will be cleaned. The first 50 volunteers will receive a free Earth Day Clean-up Event T-Shirt. Many volunteers are needed in order to make this event a success. The Board will continue to advertise the event and details in order to make more residents aware.

CORRESPONDENCE

EMPLOYEE CALENDARS

Employee calendars for the months of March and April were reviewed by the Board.

BUDGETS

Copies of the Department Budget were provided for Board members to acknowledge and discuss.

EVERSOURCE – HERBICIDE

Correspondence from Eversource regarding the application of herbicides was provided to the Board for review. Eversource will be applying herbicides along the power line rights-of-way that pass through the municipality. This treatment is conducted as a component of an integrated management program that uses the appropriate mechanical and/or herbicide treatment to control vegetation in order to encourage the growth of healthy successional ecological communities that benefit wildlife while allowing for the safe delivery of electricity to customers.

NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO BTI APPLICATION

The Norfolk County Mosquito Control District will potentially be conducting helicopter application of the biorational larvicide to control mosquito larvae, should conditions warrant. Please check the website at: www.norfolkcountymosquito.org for updates on schedules and locations being sprayed.

ORDER OF CONDITIONS – LAKE HIAWATHA

A copy of the Extension Permit for Order of Conditions regarding the Lake Hiawatha lake drawdown and vegetation management was provided to Board members for review.

HEALTH AGENT UPDATES

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the COVID-19 virus and safety measures that everyone should be taking. Please be diligent about hand washing and wiping down common service areas with antiviral products. Try to avoid large gatherings and make sure you cough or sneeze into your sleeve. Mr. Wilson also recommends trying to keep a 6' radius around yourself from other people.

Please self-quarantine if you are diagnosed or have symptoms of COVID-19. More information will be updated as this virus continues to spread. Please check the Town website for news and updates as they are made available.

NEW AND PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS

Mr. Wilson discussed new and previous complaints that have come into the Board of Health office since the last meeting, held on February 4, 2020.

BILLS

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$303.00 to Techpro Publications for Earth Day ads. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$47.36 to WB Mason for Office Supplies. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to pay \$165.00 to the Postmaster for 3 Rolls of Stamps. Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

BETTERMENT LOANS

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the Betterment Loan application for 83 Lakeshore Drive.

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried. The applicant will be notified when funding is available for this Betterment Loan.

PLANS

84 LISA ANN DRIVE

A septic design plan for 84 Lisa Ann Drive was reviewed by the Board.

Ms. McGovern made a motion to approve the plan with the following local upgrade request that was reviewed and verified by the Health Agent, Mr. Wilson:

- Request a setback of 9' from the septic tank to the foundation slab where 10' is required, for the septic trenches - Per 310 CMR 15.405(1)(b)

Ms. Leclair seconded and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McGovern made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Leclair and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 7, 2020 AT 7:00 PM