BOARD OF HEALTH

 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

**NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:08PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alan Mendel, Roy Thompson, Bruce Shepley, Scott Koczela

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jack Guerino (iBerkshires), Susan Elbaum (11-13 Cherry Street), Pierre Kareh (Racing Mart)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approved

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Kareh**  spoke to recent alleged violation of tobacco sales at Racing Mart. Tabled to December 2015 meeting as complaint has not been heard by The Board as yet.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Susan Elbaum:** Ms Elbaum states that dumpster and refrigerator issues have been corrected, but that she has attempted to gain access to her apartment x 2 and has been refused. She is in litigation with the courts to have this corrected in spite of an existing court agreement and mandate allowing her access. Scott Koczela will seek court order with specific date and time, citing both Ms Elbaum and Alicia Brown (tenant).Citation for pre rental violations has not been paid. It was issued on 9/25/2015. She states she will pay it. Board agreed to wait until court resolution before follow up action will be taken on unpaid citation. (Brown moved in to apartment on June 13. Pre-rental inspection was attempted on Oct 7.)

**CURRENT CASES**:

The following cases were closed:

None

The following cases remain open:

8 Albert Street- Saliba, abandoned property, Atty Gen involved. Awaiting eminent domain

10 Bellevue Ave-Tanguay, Waiting to hear from Atty. General Office

22 Bellevue Ave-Arora, Re-inspection scheduled with property agent, but canceled at the last minute.

39 East Jordon Street. Re-inspection canceled. Contempt order to be sought by Scott Koczela.

7 Hathaway Street-Schofield/Powell. Case remanded back to court. The case changed from civil to criminal complaint. Court scheduled for 12/9/2015

20 Hathaway Street-Pause, No change in status.

24-34 Hilbert Street-Zepka (estate). Hoping family will take care of contaminated soil. Mike Bloom remains interested in property.

7 Mill Street- Delagelphia, No change. Court scheduled for 12/9/2015

10 Murray Street-Gallagher. Broken sewer without required follow up. In Atty Shea’s hands. Court action taken. Judge ruled in favor of town. Gallagher a no-show in court. Pre-rental of other apartment in complex scheduled for 11/12/2015.

25 Temple Street-MacWhinney. Some work done. Extensive foundation repair required.

51 Summer Street- Bradley, on going. No change. Will request bank to clean out interior.

18 Quaker Street-unregistered vehicles remain in yard. No progress. No action taken as yet.

11-13 Cherry St-Elbaum, \*See Hearing notes.

3 Weber Street-Wood. Building permit in place. Work has not yet started.

13 Pearl Street-Buda. Owner to be contacted. Will file orders

**CURRENT COMPLAINTS:**

164-166 Holland Ave. Office receives continued unfounded complaints. Will call both parties in to attempt to mediate.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**BCBOHA Annual dinner**: It was attended by Koczela, Mendel and Shepley. Shepley appointed to Executive Committee at large position. Information on Tobacco 21 presented.

**Social Media Update**: BOH now using Facebook for MassDPH alerts and meeting announcements. Meeting minutes and agendas to be posted to Adams Town website. Will promote upcoming vacancy for seat on the BOH upcoming in spring of 2016

**Emergency Management Conference** Nov 10 in Worchester: Not attended by board members.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Tony Mazzucco will set a date for organizational meeting for local emergency planning org.

**COA Flu and Shingle Forum.** Bruce will present on Nov 18 at the COA.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tobacco 21 Initiative:**  Board agreed to undertake change in legal selling age to 21. Bruce will canvas area towns on format to proceed, and has much supporting literature. Will ask Jim Wilusz to speak on becoming a member with Tri Town Health

**REVIEW MAIL:**  The mail folder was available for the members to look at.

**ON CALL:** Member Thompson for November, Member Shepley for December, Member Mendel for January 2016

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 2, 2015 @ 4:00PM**

**ADJOURN:**  A motion by Member Shepley, seconded by Member Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM passed.

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