BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

**JANUARY 6, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Mendel called the meeting to order at 4:07PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** ChairmanAlan Mendel, Members Roy Thompson and Bruce Shepley, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Koczela.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jack Guerino (iBerkshires), Jim Wilusz (Tri-Town Health), Gail Alvarez, Susan Alvarez, F. Alvarez, Judy Taylor

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion by Chairman Mendel, seconded by member Thompson to approve the minutes of December 2, 2015 passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Presentation from Jim Wilusz from Tri Town Health spoke on services he can offer the BOH/Town on tobacco awareness, training for retailers, and Tobacco 21 initiative.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Ongoing issues between the parties at 166- 168 Holland Ave of trash complaints between the Taylor and Alvarez households. Both parties presented their sides of the issue. Alvarez agreed to obtain 1-2 additional trash receptacles.

**CURRENT CASES**:

*The following cases were closed*:

* 22 Bellevue Ave: Compliant upon re-inspection
* 39 East Jordon Street: Verified, dismissed in court
* Hathaway Street: vehicles moved, dismissed in court
* Mill Street: Complaint, dismissed in court
* 11-13 Cherry Street, Elbaum: Tenant moved out 12/1/15. Dismissed in court. Do not rent order to be issued
* 3 First Street, Elbaum: State involved now (CLPPP)
* 146 Columbia Street, Complaint of cars parked on lot with car parts and debris, ? of leaking oil/gas. Unfounded.

*The following cases remain open:*

* 8 Albert Street- Saliba, abandoned property, Atty. Gen. involved. In receivership, pending eminent domain.
* 10 Bellevue Ave-Tanguay, in receivership with AG office
* 20 Hathaway Street-Pause, No change in status. No action yet taken
* 24-34 Hilbert Street-Zepka (estate). AG Office involved. Mike Bloom remains interested if/when resolved. No changes
* 10 Murray Street-Gallagher. Court hearing 12/23/15. Continued to 1/13/16
* 25 Temple Street-MacWhinney. Some work done. Extensive foundation repair required. No change.
* 51 Summer Street- Bradley, ongoing. Interior cleaned out, residue remains, building condemned. Atty Gen seeking charges against last occupant. Structure in receivership.
* 18 Quaker Street-unregistered vehicles remain in yard. No action yet taken. No change.
* 3 Weber Street-Wood. Court hearing 1/6/16. Continued to 3/9/16
* 13 Pearl Street-Buda. Owner to be contacted. No action yet taken.
* 50 North Summer Street. Ongoing inspections of apartment. Going in a positive direction
* 111 Summer Street- Patel/Shaw. Obtained pre-rental inspections. Discrepancies noted. Follow up required.
* 21 Murray Street, Critelli: Refrigerator discarded between road and sidewalk since 12/17/15. Rechecked on 1/4/16, No action taken by Critelli’s. Order to be issued.
* 1-12 Winter Street, Rohane: Trash being disposed of on town property, overflowing dumpster, discarded furniture. Mr. Rohane to be invited to next BOH meeting to explain ongoing issue. A. Mendel to talk to D. Nuvaille for removal of town fence.
* Rascals Lounge, 32 North Summer Street. Ongoing complaints of trash, cigarettes. Repeat complaint. Mostly unfounded. Some butts found trapped in manhole grate. Bruce will talk to Rascals.

**CURRENT COMPLAINTS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Social Media Update: Posting BOH meeting/agenda information and MassDPH updates. Exposure increasing.

COA Flu and Shingle Forum 12/11/15: Bruce spoke to a small group. Scheduled to speak on Pneumonia on January 21 at 1200.

Tobacco 21 Initiative**:** Agreed to set workshop date of 1/26/2016 at 3:00pm.

BCBOHA Executive Committee Update: Bruce attended “Clandestine Drug Laboratory Response and Cleanup” workshop 12/16/15.

WMPHA Seminar: “All about the Housing Code” 2/23/16 at Blue Bonnet in N’Hampton. Applications distributed.

Online Permitting: Chairman Mendel presented information received from BRPC to Tony Mazzucco for review.

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

**ON CALL:** Member Shepley for December 2015, Chairman Mendel for January 2016, Member Thompson February 2016

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for **January 6, 2016 @ 4:00PM**

**ADJOURN:**  A motion by Member Shepley, seconded by Member Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM passed unanimously.

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