BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

**may 4, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Mendel called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** ChairmanAlan Mendel, Bruce Shepley, Peter Hoyt, Tom Romaniak (Code Enforcement, Pamela Gerry (Recording Secretary)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jack Guerino, (iBerkshires)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A** motion was made by Member Shepley, seconded by Chairman Mendel to accept the minutes of April 6, 2016 with the exclusion of the “ON CALL” information. As of June 1, 2016 the Board members would like to suspend the “call list” with the understanding that the Code Enforcement Officer would be allowed to call any time for back up assistance, passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**CLOSED CASES:**

* 21 Murray Street- Critelli: Refrigerator. Nuisance abatement order served and refrigerator has been removed. A motion was made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Member Mendel to close the case, passed unanimously.
* 17 Bellevue Avenue-Ransford: No Rent Order, F/U required. A motion was made by Member Mendel, seconded by Chairman Shepley to close the case, passed unanimously.
* 113 Commercial Street-Provencher: No validity to apartment inspection issues. A motion was made by Member Mendel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hoyt to close the case, passed unanimously.
* 38 Temple Street-Gladu: Owner cleaned trash on side of house. A motion was made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Member Mendel to close the case, passed unanimously.

**CURRENT CASES:**

*The following cases remain open:*

* 8 Albert Street- Saliba; Abandoned property, AG involved. In receivership, pending eminent domain.
* 10 Bellevue Avenue-Tanguay; in receivership with AG office.
* 20 Hathaway Street-Pause; Mr. Pause hired someone to clean property. Mr. Shepley gave him an extension to June 1, 2016 to complete the job. Tom will follow up.
* 51 Summer Street- Bradley; Interior cleaned out, residue remains, building condemned. AG has dropped case do to the lack of a code enforcement officer. Can reopen case now that the position is filled. The case will remain open do to a litigation against renter.
* 25 Temple Street-MacWhinney; Some work has been done. Extensive foundation repair required. No change.
* 18 Quaker Street-Gajda; Unregistered vehicles remain in yard. Tom will follow up with assistance from Building Commissioner Torrico’s input regarding the town’s unregistered vehicle bylaw.
* 3 Weber Street-Wood; Permit pulled. 45 day continuation granted to May 30, 2016 after consulting with Attorney Shea. Tom will follow up with Mr. Wood on repairs to the roof, porch and eves.
* 13 Pearl Street; Buda; Owner to be contacted. Tom will follow up.
* 23.5 Murray St.-overgrown yard Tom will follow up.
* 111 Summer Street- Patel/Shaw; Obtained pre-rental inspections. Discrepancies noted. Tom will follow up.
* 98-100 Commercial Street-LaPlante; Neglected, abandoned property. Notice served April 14th. Owner has 30 days to clean premises. Back taxes owed. Tom will work with Treasurer Collector, Kelly Rice to address these issues.
* 16 Crandall Street- Desormeaux; Tom needs to follow up on this case to check code violations and review any orders that may have been sent out by Scott Koczela.
* Adams Ale House and Daily Grind in need of re-inspection with Tom after his review of the file.
* 43 1/2 Bellevue Avenue-Giovani; Condemnation. Much better condition but needs additional work adding smoke detectors than it will clear for occupancy.
* 15 Sayles Street- Pfister; Condemnation. Currently no work is being done, occupants moved to Lenox. Follow up necessary.
* 1 Evans Street-Norcross; Condemnation. Clean up driveway. Member Shepley stated ongoing cleanup occurring and will call for an inspection in weeks ahead.
* 54-58 Maple Street-Taylor; Mendel stated placard condemned and water turned on but owner has not contacted BOH with any updates.
* 6 Lincoln Street-Trash, preforeclosure. Clean up company has performed clean up and placed debris in a dumpster located on the property. Follow up is necessary to ensure dumpster is taken from premises.

**NEW COMPLAINTS:**

* 101 Grove Street-Dukes Sand & Gravel, dust complaint. Representative Cariddi’s office contacted BOH. Building Commissioner Torrico and Tom Romaniak will do a follow up site visit.
* 7 Hathaway Street-Schofield-Powell; No progress with site, hold case for 30 days and then submit to Attorney St. John.
* 164 Howland Avenue-Morehouse; Demo material found in back yard ready to burn. Member Mendel stated the material cannot be burned but needs to be removed. He will revisit site.
* 128 Commercial Street-Malloy; Progress made cleaning up site, 1 unregistered vehicle will be moved off property. Member Mendel gave Mr. Malloy 7 days to clean entire site.
* 17-19 Miller Street-Wan Realty Co.; owner removed fowl out of vacant apartment and is currently cleaning. Owner will call for inspection upon completion.
* 3 Valley St.-Town of Adams property; trash will be cleaned by DPW.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A motion made by Chairman Mendel, seconded by Member Hoyt to elect Member Shepley as their Chairman. A motion made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Member Mendel to elect Peter Hoyt as their Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Shepley welcomed Vice-Chairman Peter Hoyt to his three year term on the Board of Health.

Chairman Shepley welcomed Tom Romaniak as the Board of Health’s newly appointed Code Enforcement Officer.

Tom Romaniak and Chairman Shepley attended an informative meeting at Blue Bonnett Diner, Northampton MA; BCBOHA

Online food permit information gathered and signatures were submitted. BOH waiting to hear further. July 1, 2016 would be the start date for training.

Lyme disease signs were posted at the three local fields with important information regarding ticks.

Enforcement can moved forward now with the new position filled by Tom Romaniak.

Town of Adams Facebook page has posted food recalls, weather, flu updates and important information for public knowledge.

COA Monthly Informational chat postponed to fall, 2016; Zika Virus and flu season updates

Tobacco 21; North Adams has recently passed; need to set up a workshop meeting and then proceed with a public hearing to implement; BOH will work on the initiative plan.

BCBOHA; Annual Community Sanitation Seminar, April 7, 2016-no attendees.

WMPHA “Servsafe training for Boards of Health and Staff”; May 3, 2016; results will be coming.

Nursing Contract with BCBOHA & BHS VNA; A motion was made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Member Mendel to accept the MAVIN VNA contract for $2100.00 for the 2016-2017 year. Contract needs signatures by officials and then submitted to Patricia Tremblay, Berkshire VNA.

BCBOHA Spring Dinner April 27, 2016 attended by Member Mendel and Chairman Shepley at the Pittsfield Country Club. Mayor Alcombright attended and members enjoyed his speech.

PHIT training; May 11, 12, 17, Dedham MA; Chairman Shepley and Tom Romaniak attending for certification and a follow up with a trainer during 5 visits to assist town and create the ability to network with our communities. Member Mendel stated that there would be some outside training available for Tom with Tri-town, Mr. Wilusz and the City of North Adams, as well as Scott Koczela, former code enforcement who Tom will shadow after he completes his 3 day training sessions.

**REVIEW MAIL:**

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2016 @ 4:00PM

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Member Mendel, to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 PM, passed unanimously.

Bruce Shepley

Chairman