

**BOARD OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Mendel called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bruce Shepley, Vice-Chairman Peter Hoyt, Member Allen Mendel and Tom Romaniak (Code Enforcement, Pamela Gerry (Recording Secretary)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jack Guerino, (iBerkshires)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion made by Member Mendel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hoyt to accept the minutes of May 4, 2016, passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Arthur Harrington, Adams Selectboard addressed the Board members to let them know that he was a member of two committees. He stated that they deal with youth substance abuse of marijuana, heroin and alcohol. He told them that they have attempted to inform as many groups of people as possible in the “dangers of youth substance abuse.” He stated that the earlier the abuse begins, the more likely the person would have a very high percentage of “becoming an addict later in life.” He emphasized to the Board members that the message needs to be sent to teachers and parents in the elementary grades. He stated that a member of the committees could come and speak to them if they were interested. He let the Board know that the state of Massachusetts has received grant money to provide the opportunity for more programs to assist with this crisis. He told them that it was the “most non-discriminatory addiction crisis that we have had in the country or perhaps in the world due to overdose deaths.”

Member Mendel asked Mr. Harrington how long the presentation would be if they agreed to have the Northern Berkshire Coalition appear at the next Board of Health meeting. He told him that it would be up to the members. Chairman Shepley stated that he thought having the committee give their presentation would be very beneficial to the general public. Chairman Shepley thanked Mr. Harrington for his input on substance abuse.

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CLOSED CASES:

- 111 Summer Street- Patel/Shaw; Obtained pre-rental inspections. Discrepancies noted. Tom will follow up. A motion made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Member Mendel to close the case, passed unanimously.
- 16 Crandall Street- Desormeaux; Code Violations. Member Mendel stated there were no current complaints. A motion made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hoyt to close the case, passed unanimously.
- 43 1/2 Bellevue Avenue-Giovani; Condemnation lifted. Ms. Giovani currently residing at home. A motion made by Member Mendel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hoyt to close the case, passed unanimously.
- 54-58 Maple Street-Taylor; Member Mendel stated that residence was placard condemned and water turned on but owner has not contacted BOH with any updates but Board be aware of any

- activity on property in future. A motion made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Member Mendel to close the case, passed unanimously.
- 6 Lincoln Street-Trash, preforeclosure. Clean up company has performed clean up and removed dumpster from the premises. A motion made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hoyt to close the case, passed unanimously.
- 101 Grove Street-Dukes Sand & Gravel, dust complaint. A motion made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hoyt to close the case, passed unanimously.
- 164 Howland Avenue-Morehouse; Demo material on property okay. A motion made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Member Mendel to close the case, passed unanimously.
- 128 Commercial Street-Malloy; Unregistered vehicle, debris, junk. Clean up completed. Member Mendel would like Tom to contact Mr. Raschdorf who made the complaint with the update. A motion made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Member Mendel to close the case, passed unanimously.
- 3 Valley St.-Tom stated to the Board members that the property owned by the Town of Adams was cleaned up by the DPW. A motion made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Member Mendel to close the case, passed unanimously.
- 3 First Street-Elbaum-Air Quality. Tom talked with Ms. Elbaum. Adams Fire Department completed a CO test and everything passed. A motion made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Member Mendel to close the case, passed unanimously.
- 25 Temple St.-MacWhinney. Unsafe foundation et al. Chairman Shepley announced to the Board members that the power was shut off and no efforts were being made. A motion 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, No updated reports.
- 10 Bellevue Avenue-Tanguay; No updated reports.
- 20 Hathaway Street-Pause/Roberts. Tom stated to the members that he did a site visit and good progress was being made.
- 51 Summer Street- Bradley; Condemnation, litigation being pursued. Court case being held on June 6, 2016.
- 18 Quaker Street-Gajda; 3-4 unregistered vehicles, corner of Hathaway St. onto Greylock Ave. Chairman Shepley stated that there were no changes made or discussions with the owner. He recommends Tom speak with him as well as Building Commissioner Torrico regarding the town's unregistered vehicle bylaw.
- 3 Weber Street-Wood; Granted 45 day continuation to 5/28/16. Tom reported that the roof looked good but the siding did not change. Chairman Shepley and Member Mendel agree that the soffit and porch need work. Tom will follow up with Attorney Shea as to future of the case and investigate past complaint.
- 13 Pearl Street; Buda; Overgrown yard, debris, old vehicles. Orders sent. Tom stated that no change has been made. He will check the status of the orders originally sent to owner. He told them that if they are not current, he will resend new orders.
- 23.5 Murray St.-overgrown yard, trash accumulation. Tom will follow up on case and move forward.
- 98-100 Commercial Street-LaPlante; Neglected, abandoned property. Notice served 4/4/16, 30 days. No contact has been made with Tom. Attorney Shea will move forward.

- Adams Ale House & Daily Grind-reinspection-Tom would like assistance to complete inspections. Chairman Shepley stated that they will have to establish a food inspection protocol for Tom to follow.
- 15 Sayles Street- Pfister; Condemnation, progress by homeowner unknown. Member Mendel recommends that the owner seek housing court assistance to see what their next steps would be to take.
- 1 Evans Street-Norcross; Condemnation. Clean up driveway. Tom left a message but did not receive a call back. He stated that the cleanup efforts looked up.
- 7 Hathaway Street-Schofield-Powell; Trash, debris and junk-Served with orders. No changes made. Attorney Shea will move forward.
- 9 Baskin Ln-Safeguard Properties, overgrown yard. Tom spoke with Jason who stated it would be rectified in two days. Tom reported that the lawn has been mowed but hedges not trimmed. Tom will follow up.
- 52 (R) Summer St.-Milman, multiple housing violations. Tom reported that most issues were addressed but a screen needed repair. He stated the bathroom leak was being worked on. Progress being made.

OTHER BUSINESS:

BCBOHA-Exec. Chairman Shepley stated to the members that he spoke to Mark Maloy, Northern Berkshire Planning Commission regarding future online permitting.

On-Line Food Permit status-Committee Update-Chairman Shepley stated that the online program implementation should be coming soon.

Disposal of Medical Syringes/Sharps policy-Chairman Shepley stated to the members that he was looking for possible grant money to enact policies for handling these issues.

Social Media Update-Chairman Shepley stated that some food recalls were not posted this month and mentioned that he receives information continually from MA Dept. of Public Health.

Tobacco 21 Update-Chairman Shepley stated that Member Mendel has been working with James Wilusz at Tri-Care. He said North Adams has passed the Tobacco 21 initiative. He told them that Pittsfield and Great Barrington are close to passing the initiative in their towns. Chairman Shepley mentioned that Mr. Wilusz would be able to let them know the process that would be needed to take at the next meeting of July 6, 2016, as well as joining the tobacco collaborative which he added would be free of charge.

Nursing Contract with BCBOHA & BHS VNA-The Board members have signed the contract and it has moved forward.

Public Health Inspection Training (May 11, 12, 17) Dedham-Chairman Shepley and Tom Romaniak attended the training session in May. He told the Board members that more follow up will be forthcoming. He emphasized that this class offered credentials and not certifications to inspectors. Member Mendel wanted to know if there was a certain point in time that Tom can conduct the inspections. Tom stated that he has been performing inspections currently. Chairman Shepley stated that the course offered them a "comprehensive checklist," to follow during inspections that he noted would be useful for future inspections. He continued to note that networking with various towns can be very beneficial.

REVIEW MAIL: Chairman Shepley stated that the Board of Health Office received a correspondence regarding the Butterworth property pertaining to a bottling request that was denied in the past.

Allen Mendel mentioned that Special Minerals was having problems at their facility. He let the members know that Clean Harbors had been monitoring the water discharge at the site and disposing of it.

Member Mendel stated to the Board members that it was a shame that some abandoned homes are not kept up in various neighborhoods around town. He stated that many of the people living in the area have to view this blight on a regular basis. Chairman Shepley mentioned that unfortunately housing court did not have the time to deal with these types of cases along with the reality that the town was unable to find the resources to address each case. Mr. Romaniak told them that he thought the best answer was to keep trying to “work with the owners.”

Member Mendel stated that they should check with Town Counsel to see if the town could acquire some volunteers to assist them with some of these matters.

Tom announced that he would be on vacation during the next scheduled meeting.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2016 at 4:00PM.

ADJOURN: A motion made by Chairman Shepley, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hoyt, to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 PM, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date 5 Oct 2016

Frank De Sheffley

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Allen Raymond