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DARTMOUTH BOARD OF HEALTH
DARTMOUTH TOWN HALL - ROOM 315 - 6:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES - Wednesday, April 01, 2015

The Chair polled the Board at 6:30 P.M. for a roll call vote to convene into Executive Session to correct the executive Session minutes of March 4, 2015, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec 21: Chair Leslie E.J. McKinley, yes; and Thomas W. Hardman, yes. Absent: Lynne Brodeur

At 6:35 P.M. Leslie E.J. McKinley, Chair entertained a motion to close Executive Session and go into the regular Board of Health Meeting by roll call vote -Thomas W. Hardman - yes, Leslie E.J. McKinley-yes.

The Board of Health meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. on April 01, 2015 in room 315.

Leslie E.J. McKinley, Chair, and Thomas W. Hardman were present. Christopher Michaud, Director of Public Health, was also present. Absent: Lynne Brodeur

The minutes of the meeting of March 04, 2015 were approved as amended by Leslie E.J. McKinley, chair, and Thomas W. Hardman.

7:10 P.M. Adrian Fulk/Runaway Farm - Piggery Permit - Ms. McKinley opened the public hearing. Adrian Fulk and Claudia Arensio were present to represent Runaway Farm. Ms. McKinley asked Dartmouth Animal Control Officer, Sandra Gosselin to address the Board. Ms. Gosselin commented there have been improvements. Ms. Gosselin expressed concerns with the boars being kept with the sows. Ms. Gosselin noted that Mr. Fulk has reduced the number of other animals on the property.

Ms. Arensio explained they are working to castrate the boars except for one. Also, have a cement area where the pigs are watered and fed. Mr. Fulk explained that one sow had a stillbirth, and the other sow only had five piglets. They have taken two to slaughter, so they are still under the amount of pigs they are requesting. Ms. Arensio informed the Board about property they rent in Westport, where they can bring swine, so they remain within the limits of the permit.

Mr. Michaud stated he has not been to the site in a number of months.

Mr. Hardman expressed that the Board would like to see Runaway Farm succeed, and hope they will continue to work with Dartmouth Animal Control and the Board of Health.

Ms. McKinley asked Ms. Gosselin for her opinion on the number of pigs that Runaway Farm is requesting. Ms. McKinley suggested having twenty-five adult pigs and twenty-nine piglets which would have less impact on the land. Ms. Gosselin understands they need a certain number of pigs to be sustainable. Ms. Gosselin noted she is pleased to hear that they are controlling the reproduction potential of the animals.

Mr. Fulk expressed concerns with Ms. McKinley's proposal; because he felt it could cripple his operation. Ms. Gosselin informed the Board the breed of swine Runaway Farm is raising takes longer to reach market size. Ms. Arensio told the Board that nine of the swine will be going to market in the summer.



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Nobody in the audience identified themselves as an abutter, or asked to speak.

➤ ***With nothing further on this matter, Thomas Hardman motioned to grant Runaway Farm a piggery permit to keep a combination of pigs and piglets totaling 40 swine, seconded by Leslie E.J. McKinley.***

7:27 P.M. Susan Couto/Map 42, Lot 115, 26 College Lane - application form animal permit -
The applicant, Susan Couto was present representing herself. Ms. Couto handed the Board pictures of the site, which were given back to her. There were no abutters in attendance regarding this animal permit application.

Ms. McKinley stated that she did visit the site with the Dartmouth Animal Control Officer, Sandra Gosselin. Ms. McKinley noted that there is proper fencing, the barn is in good shape, and doesn't see any issues. Mr. Hardman also noted that he drove by the site, and didn't see any issues.

Assistant Animal Control Officer, Stacy Rebelo addressed the Board that she conducted an inspection, and has reviewed Ms. Couto's previous file. Ms. Rebelo doesn't see any issues with the Board issuing Ms. Couto an animal permit for two horses.

➤ ***With nothing further on this matter, Thomas Hardman motioned to grant Susan Couto an animal permit to keep two horses, and seconded by Leslie E.J. McKinley.***

Tobacco compliance check inspections done by the FDA through 1/31/15 - Compliance check inspection done by the FDA were reviewed by the Board.

➤ ***No further action required by the Board of Health at this time.***

Comprehensive revision to tobacco regulations/Greenfield raises legal tobacco sale age to 21, joining 51 Massachusetts communities/"The Beacon" Holden union contract bans e-cigarette use - The Board perused and briefly discussed both documents.

➤ ***No further action required by the Board of Health at this time.***

Fisher Road composting -update - Mr. Michaud informed the Board he has sent a letter to Mark Dakers, at the Massachusetts Department of Environment Protection, but has yet to receive any comments to his letter. During Mr. Michaud's research, he discovered issues with the General Composting Permit for Wilfred Francis in regards to the Town's Zoning Bylaws, and Mr. Michaud isn't sure if the Building Department wants to take action at this time. It was noted that Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources will not be issuing any registration for this operation.

➤ ***No further action required by the Board of Health at this time.***

Health Department awarded funding to establish regional coalition to combat opioid abuse-
Mr. Michaud commented that there seems to be little interest in Dartmouth in collaborating on



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opioid abuse, which could be due to a range of perception issues. Fire District 3, Fire Chief Arruda has been the only one to reach out to Mr. Michaud. Mr. Michaud informed the Board that the time frame to implement a plan is the end of June.

➤ ***No further action required by the Board of Health at this time.***

Septic System Plans

Septic System Plans - requiring action of the Board

- Anthony Chris & Lori Stevens/Plat 102, Lot 24, 43 East Avenue - upgrade - reduction in separation to groundwater from 4' to 3' - The Board members discussed the proposed reduction in groundwater separation from 4 feet to 3 feet.

➤ ***Thomas W. Hardman motioned to approve the reduction from 4 feet to 3 feet between the bottom of the soil absorption system and the estimated seasonal high groundwater elevation as designed with a grant of restrictive covenant, operational and maintenance agreement, and to have a watertight test to be performed on first chamber of the two compartment tank to ensure the integrity of the interior wall, seconded by Leslie E.J. McKinley, and motion was unanimous.***

- Raymond & Roberta Perry/Plat 66, Lot 2-15, 6 Blueberry Lane - upgrade - Remedial Use Approval reduction in separation to groundwater from 4' to 2' - Mr. Michaud explained that he administratively approved this because the homeowners were under time constraints. The Board members discussed the proposed reduction in groundwater separation from 4 feet to 2 feet in accordance with the Remedial Use Approval and were fine with Mr. Michaud approving the plan for the homeowners.

➤ ***No further action required by the Board of Health at this time.***

Director's Report - topics for discussion -

10 A Bridge Street/Implementation of Release of Abatement measure - This document was included for informational purposes only.

➤ ***No action required by the Board at this time.***

284 Duane Avenue/Permanent Solution Report & Immediate Response Action completion - This document was included for informational purposes only.

➤ ***No action required by the Board at this time.***

- Prime Bio lab/Faunce Corner Road/complaints - Mr. Michaud had received some complaints of odor in commons areas and restrooms at 86 Faunce Corner Road. Prime



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Bio lab is located within a building that is shared with other commercial tenants. The complainants have concerns with the lab disposing of waste in the shared restrooms. Mr. Michaud has been in contact with the CDC, and they will forward the complaint along to other agencies they feel may have an interest. Mr. Michaud also sent a letter to the Department of Public Works informing them of the situation, since some laboratory waste may not be suitable for discharge into the municipal sewer.

➤ ***No action required by the Board at this time.***

- WHDH Channel 7 response for information regarding Dartmouth Motor Inn - Mr. Michaud informed the Board that Mary Schwager, an investigative reporter for Channel 7 has been inquiring for several months for information on motel violations cited by the Dartmouth Board of Health. Mr. Michaud responded to Ms. Schwager's request with a letter. Ms. Schwager has once again contacted Mr. Michaud for additional information on motels and how they are being utilized for housing. Mr. Michaud will have the clerk's in the office compile information to forward to Ms. Schwager.

➤ ***No action required by the Board at this time.***

Director's Report - informational items not requiring discussion at this time:

- Planning Board filing/78 Brandt Avenue - Commercial development proposed (no specific tenants named), and as of now the only concern from Board of Health will be for proper dumpster corrals and pads.
- Planning Board/OSRD subdivision/Collins Corner Road - Two lot subdivision, and all lots have been tested for on-site wastewater disposal suitability and passed.

➤ ***No action required by the Board at this time.***

MA DEP drinking water program - water notice/drinking water notice from the Town of Dartmouth Water Department - This document was included for informational purposes only for the Board.

➤ ***No action required by the Board at this time.***

Complaint log from 02/23/2015- 03/27/2015 - Complaints were reviewed by the Board.

➤ ***No action required by the Board at this time.***

Dartmouth Brandon Woods Public Health Statistics February 2015- This document was included for informational purposes only for the Board.

➤ ***No action required by the Board at this time.***

Discussion for any item not know 48 hours in advance -



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➤ ***Nothing at this time.***

Board Signatures- Leslie E.J. McKinley, chair also signed an Employee Absentee Report for Christopher Michaud, Director of Public Health.

At 7:40 P.M. Leslie E.J. McKinley, Chair entertained a motion to close the regular Board of Health Meeting. Roll call vote -Thomas W. Hardman - yes; Leslie E.J. McKinley-yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Farias
Administrative Clerk