

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH  
April 23, 2014

A Regular Board of Health Meeting was held at the Town Hall, 40 Center Street, on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board of Health members present: Ms. Lopes and Mr. DeTerra. Ms. Acksen entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.. Health Agent Patricia Fowle was also present.

Chairman Lopes called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and asked for a motion to amend or approve the minutes of March 31, 2014. Mr. DeTerra motioned to approve the minutes; Ms. Lopes seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Lopes stated the purpose of the meeting was to sign the Curbside Recycling Contract with ABC Disposal, Inc. for the two-cart automated system from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, with a five year option including contract pricing. The health agent reported that the contract has been reviewed by Town Counsel Tom Crotty along with the Curbside Trash contract for the Board of Public Works. Minor language changes were made and the two contracts were submitted to ABC Disposal, Inc. for their review and signatures. That has not been done as yet therefore the Board of Health cannot sign today. The Chairman stated it is best to do this carefully and wait until all parties are agreed before signing.

The Board reviewed site plans for Compassionate Care-Medical Marijuana Dispensary, Alden Road as submitted for comments from the Planning Board for its preliminary hearing set for May 13, 2014.

Chairman Lopes reported that she had had a conversation with the police chief regarding security at the site. The police chief stated he has been working closely with the proprietor and is confident that there will be few if any problems at the site. He also reported that Compassionate Care will be hiring its own security people who will work with the police department. Ms. Acksen stated she would like to have a conversation with the proprietors about the cultivation process.

Mr. DeTerra motioned to inform the Planning Board of the Board's comments; Ms. Acksen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed site plans for the IMAC Management Group proposal at 67 Middle Street for a two-story retail office space building and apartment above and a smaller storage building to be built in the future as submitted for comments from the Planning Board for its preliminary hearing set for May 13, 2014. Currently the site is vacant and has been recently used as a staging site for road work in the area. Ms. Acksen stated she is concerned about possible soil contaminants being exposed to the environment during construction. Ms. Lopes stated her concern would also be with air borne particulates as well. Mr. DeTerra stated he knows the site had a 21E environmental study prior to anything being done with the site and the area was declared fit for the intended uses by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mr. DeTerra motioned to inform the Planning Board of the Board's comments; Ms. Acksen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Health Agent's Report:

The Seaport Inn, 110 Middle Street, is in the process of submitting required plans to retrofit the existing indoor swimming pool.

A septic system inspection was performed at 289 Mill Road by Michael Bessey of Adams Sanitary, Wareham, MA. The inspector has not done any work in Town before and stated he was unaware of the requirements for the health agent to be present at time of inspection. The report was received today, April 23, 2014 and the health agent required, per the Board's requirement, that she observe the septic tank, d-box and site in general. That was done this afternoon. The report indicates solids carryover in the d-box

and when the health agent arrived on site today, the inspector had washed off the exposed laterals within the d-box stating he had anticipated that the health agent would want to observe water flowing into the disposal field. Vice Chairman DeTerra was also present when the health agent was on site and indicated the same. Noting the washdown of the d-box by the inspector was unsettling but there was nothing noted in the report or on site that would be viewed as a "fail" criteria. The health agent recommends the system be allowed to "pass" as indicated by the inspector but with a cautionary statement as to the finding with the d-box.

Mr. DeTerra motioned to approve the report's findings with a cautionary letter stating the on-site observations; Ms. Acksen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A septic system plan for new construction at 3 Hidden Drive, designed by SITEC, Inc. of Dartmouth was received this day. It is for a three-bedroom design, 1,500 gallon septic tank and 1,000 gallon pump chamber with flow to infiltrators in a field formation. The site drainage work is in place as the lot is part of an existing subdivision. No variances are required. The property is served by a private well. Motion to approve the plan as submitted was made by Mr. DeTerra; Ms. Acksen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Invoices were signed. The next Board of Health meeting will be May 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no other business before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Acksen. The vote was unanimous. The Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent