

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
April 13, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was duly posted. Board members present: Jeannine Lopes, Lindsay Gordon and Peter DeTerra. Also present: Patricia Fowle, Health Agent.

Chairwoman Lopes called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2016. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous. Chairwoman Lopes asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board of Health and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of March 28, 2016. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous.

For Review:

Request to keep a horse at 29 Charity Stevens Lane. The new owners of the property, Shelley Moniz and David Fitzgerald, have a paddock and a shed being converted into a stable. The property is 3.2 acres. Plans submitted as part of the application are in conformance with the Board of Health regulations for the keeping of animals. Chairwoman Lopes recused herself from the review and vote. Motion to approve the request was made by Ms. Gordon; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The vote was two in favor with one abstention.

Health Agent's Report:

1. A fund transfer request is required for mileage for the health inspector's car use to June 30. The budget line item has only \$70.64 currently remaining. A transfer request of \$250 made to the Finance Committee is required. Mark Rees, Town Administrator will bring the request to the Finance Committee on behalf of the Board. However, the Board is required to vote on the request. Motion to approve the request for a \$250 transfer from the general fund by Finance Committee to the Board of Health car mileage account was made by Mr. DeTerra; seconded by Ms. Gordon. The vote was unanimous. The Chairwoman signed the transfer request form. Finance Committee will meet on April 14, 2016 on the matter.
2. Town Counsel is offering the owners of the 15 properties who have not tied into town sewer as mandated by the town and who are scheduled for court appearance in May, a means of extending the timeline 60 days to tie into sewer. By signing an "enforceable agreement" with the town to tie into sewer within 60 days their May court appearance will not be required. As of this date only one resident has signed the extension.
3. The Board received notification that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is seeking a state wide regulation making 21 the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco and nicotine products. Additionally all liquid nicotine products will be required to have childproof packaging. No date for legislative action was given. There are other changes being proposed however, the Board has already incorporated these items into its Tobacco Regulations.
4. The Health Agent provided the Board a detailed explanation as to how the transfer or non-transfer of an existing Board of Health tobacco permit works within the existing Board of Health Tobacco Regulations. This review is in relation to the closure and resale of an existing establishment that is currently holding a valid tobacco sales permit. Discussion ensued. No comments were made.

5. The Board received the latest printout of weather related turbine stoppages through March 31.
6. The Health Agent noted that the 4 year DPH approved summer beach testing waiver for Seaview Avenue will expire this May, 2016. Re-approval by the Board of the DPH granted beach testing waiver of once per month is required to be reviewed and voted on by the Board. Discussion ensued. The Board would like the beach sampling to occur every two weeks instead of monthly as the current waiver states. Motion to approve the waiver as stipulated was made by Ms. Gordon; seconded by Mr. DeTerra. The vote was unanimous. The Chairwoman signed the waiver notice which will be forwarded to the MaDPH.
7. The Board reviewed the spreadsheet of the latest food establishment inspections. The Board takes great interest in these inspections and many questions were asked of the inspection reports on file. The thought is to have some of the inspection reports available for review at future Board meetings.

Invoices were signed.

The date of the next regular meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 6:30 pm.

There being no other business before the Board, Mr. DeTerra motioned to adjourn; Ms. Gordon seconded. The vote was unanimous at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Fowle, Health Agent