

BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 25, 2010

The Board of Health held a meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hildreth House. Members present were Jack Spero, Lorin Johnson and Tom Philippou. Also present Shanna Large (Clerk), Ira Grossman, RS, Roy Pastor, Esq. (Ayer Road), and Kathy Stamis (Pizza Bella).

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Business was as follows:

Hirsch, 275-285 Ayer Road - Liquor License Discussion

The Board reviewed the selectman's letter submitted to Ira regarding the above property. At this time the Board considers that all concerns that had been previously aired have been adequately addressed and resolved and that, with regards to the liquor license, there is no reason the license shouldn't be issued. The Board reviewed a letter to this effect, to be delivered to the Selectman's meeting. Jack Spero made a motion to sign the letter and have it delivered to the Selectman. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve. The Board signed the letter and Roy Pastor delivered it to the Selectman's meeting being held at the same time as the Board's meeting.

Gilmore Realty Trust, 4 Cross Street – Discussion

The Board discussed the septic waiver option for the above property as well as other potential properties which fall in the town center septic plan zone. The Board has the ability to grant waivers for up to 5 years. This allows homeowners who live in the proposed town center septic area up to 5 years to install a new system if their system has failed. This would allow the homeowner to tie into the town center septic without having to install a new system which would become obsolete once the town center system was up and running. The Board will spend some time researching such waivers and come up with a plan to provide these going forward.

Jill Realty Trust, 231 Ayer Road – Discussion

Ira informed the Board that DEP denied the approval request to use the water meter readings as the source for determining the number of physicians who can occupy offices at the above property. At this time Gary, the owner, would rather not install a new system, so instead, has developed a plan to reduce the number of seats in the pizzeria to make up for the extra flows needed for the doctors. He has asked for a couple of weeks to make this change happen. Ira stated he is okay with this decision. The Board agreed with Ira that the plan, as presented, would address the limitations of the currently installed system, and that the owner has the authority to determine which flows would be attributed to each of the buildings on his property.

Kathy Stamis, representing the pizzeria, questioned the Board about who made the decision and if she would be required to abide by it. The Board explained to her that this was her landlord's decision. She stated that "Gary had told her the Board was making

him make these changes.” The Board stated that it had not made that decision and that the landlord had two choices; one, modify and expand the existing system or two, reduce the number of physicians or number of seats in the pizzeria. He chose the least expensive option but did ask to return to the Board at a later time to possibly make the needed changes to the system so she could add the seats back to her restaurant.

Agenda/Meeting Laws Changing – Discussion

Shanna updated the Board on changes in the open meeting law. These changes go into effect on July 1st. All agendas must now be posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting. She requested that all information for the agenda be provided to the office by the Thursday before the meeting, to ensure compliance with the new regulations.

Lorin Johnson made a motion to hold future meetings at the Hildreth House. Tom Philippou seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve. The clerk will make all of the arrangements for future meetings.

Emergency Preparedness Trailer

The Board reviewed the memorandum regarding the emergency preparedness trailer which will be sent to the selectman to ask for their support in this endeavor. Tom Philippou made a motion to send the memorandum. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Ira informed the Board that he has asked the Town Administrator several times to call the Sheriffs Department to set up a meeting regarding the reverse 911 system. It is free to the town as long as they sign a Memorandum of Understanding and have the Sheriff come in and conduct a training session. After repeated requests, Ira expressed his frustration about this not getting done and requested the Board do something. Tom Philippou stated that he will give the Sheriff's department a call and see if he can set up the meeting.

Food Inspections at the School

Ira expressed concern from his office regarding the sanitation practices at the school. Bridgette Braley, the food inspector for Nashoba, has been down to the school several times and has spoken to Chef Paul about the deficiencies she's noted. She is concerned that there appears to be a lack of willingness to comply and make the needed changes, because this is ongoing. She expressed to Ira that “Out of the 15 schools she inspects, Harvard seems to be the worst.” The Board requested Ira speak to Bridgette about putting something in writing for their review and that they will pass it along to Keith Cheveralls, chair of the Harvard School Committee.

Permits signed-

Carothers, 85 Depot Road – Single Component Replacement. Installation of a Distribution Box for an existing dwelling.

Callahan, 288 Stow Road – Single Component Replacement. Installation of a Distribution Box for an existing dwelling.

Getty, 72 Mass. Avenue – One year extension with a COC date prior to May 22, 2011.

Minutes

Tom Philippou made a motion to pass the minutes of March 23, 2010. Jack Spero seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Jack Spero made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Lorin Johnson seconded. The vote was 3-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Large, Clerk