



BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 23, 2014
Hildreth House

Thomas Philippou, Chair *Lorin Johnson* *Sharon McCarthy*

Board Members present: Lorin Johnson; Sharon McCarthy; Thomas Philippou

Also present: Andrew Fensome and Sonya Ovrutsky, Bolton Road; Ira Grossman, NABH; Paige O'Brien, Clerk

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion: 260 Bolton Road; Fensome 3-bedroom deed restriction

Homeowners wish to renovate a basement space into a music room. Mr. Philippou motioned to approve a 3-bedroom deed restriction, Ms. McCarthy seconds; vote aye, unanimous.

Permits

- 124 Depot Road; Ford – SCR, D-box; approved
- 310 Stow Road; Boyce – SCR, D-box; approved
- 70 Woodside Rd., Lot 203 Stow Road; Crandall - SCR, D-box; approved
- 52 Massachusetts Avenue; Granville – Permit date modification for revised plan is 9/5/2014; approved

Review: Letter for Preparing for Climate Effects at the Municipal Level

The Board reviewed the final draft and contact list. After a small edit, the Board approved the letter to go out to the assigned relevant boards, committees and organizations.

Approve Minutes of September 9, 2014

Mr. Philippou made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Ms. McCarthy seconds; vote aye, unanimous.

Aborvirus Report

According to the Executive Office of Health & Human Services, Harvard is a low risk area for both the West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

Update: “Together We’re Ready” Campaign/EDS Drill

Ms. O'Brien reported that the plan to have an EDS drill in conjunction with the town's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, September 27 has been postponed until Spring 2015. The Police Department recently acquired an official DEA drop-off box and it is required that, for the first “take back” day, the medications be dropped off at the permanent site of this box (the foyer of the Emergency Services Building). For the Spring 2015 “take back” day, Ms. O'Brien will work with Pat Natoli from Emergency Services to plan an EDS drill at the official site (The Bromfield School).

Update: 325 Ayer Road; Deane

Grease trap permit for Siam Pepper Thai restaurant

The opening of Siam Pepper has been delayed, in part, by the noncompliant plans for a grease trap submitted to the NABH office. Noting that the Board will not be meeting again until October 14, Mr. Grossman requested them to consider making a motion to allow Mr. Grossman to issue a permit should compliant plans (not needing a Title 5 variance) come through in the weeks before then next meeting. To insure that the work gets completed Mr. Grossman also recommended that the Board require the participating parties to set up an escrow account giving the Board of Health signatory power. Mr. Philippou motioned to allow Mr. Grossman's recommendations. Mr. Johnson seconds; vote aye, unanimous. (***Post-meeting update: The Board was informed by the Finance Department that this process is not permissible. Compliant plans came through and the Board held a special meeting on October 3, 2014. See corresponding minutes for details.***)

Update: 7 Still River Road; O'Brien

Non-compliance, town sewer connection

The Board made the unanimous decision to enforce the connection to town sewer by November 1, 2014. Mr. Philippou responded to a certified letter sent from Mr. O'Brien citing the efforts of the BOH to facilitate. The Board stands firm on this definitive connection date.

Update: 197 Littleton Road

Health and safety violations

Mr. Grossman reported that he recently went to Worcester District Court to characterize the numerous health and safety violations of the home on this property. The judge issued an order to the property owner (The Huntington National Bank) to address immediate health and safety issues within 7 days and assume a violation of \$500 a day after that. The plaintiff and Mr. Grossman will return to court on October 24, 2014 to review the remaining non-emergency violations. The owner/bank purportedly has an agreement to have the current tenant out by October 6, 2014.

Adjournment

Ms. McCarthy moved to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconds; vote, aye, unanimous.

*The next scheduled board meeting is Tuesday, October 14, 2014
7 p.m. at Hildreth House.*

Minutes prepared and submitted by Paige O'Brien.

Documents Cited:

Letter for *Preparing for Climate Effects at the Municipal Level*
Response letter to 7 Still River Road