



**Town Of Medway  
Board of Health**  
155 Village Street  
Medway, Massachusetts 02053

**February 24, 2014  
Medway Board of Health  
155 Village Street  
Conference Room  
Medway, MA 02053**

**PRESENT:** Mike Heavey, Jordan Warnick, and Jack Mill

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stephanie Bacon-Health Agent

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Meeting Minutes Acceptance:**

**February 10, 2014:**

**On a motion made by Mike Heavey and seconded by Jack Mill, the Board voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes from February 10, 2014 with noted revisions.**

**Animal Regulations:**

The Board of Health is in receipt of the regulations of Domesticated or Exotic Animals, Reptiles, Apiaries. These regulations were last updated in 1999. Present at the meeting was the animal control officer. The permit requirements were reviewed and suggestions were highlighted in bold. There was a definition for domestic fowl added. The Board of Health was made aware that the language relative to classification of dangerous animals specifically referencing pitbulls must be removed from regulations. The current State law does not allow reference to breed specific language. Another section for consideration is the inclusion that there shall be a hearing before the Board of Health prior to the granting of a permit for the keeping of a dangerous animal. Another section added is about the keeping of bees. The hives must be located at least fifty feet from any adjacent property line or public way. A section on exemptions was suggested. There was also language that an inspection by the Board of Health Agent of Animal Control Officer may be required before a permit is issued.

Resident Meghan Hoffman was present at the meeting to discuss the animal regulations. She wanted to see language included about the bee hives. She also wanted an explanation about the enclosure in a residential area.

The Animal Control Officer will be contacting Mike Cahill from the Department of Agricultural to discuss the suggested regulations.

The Board of Health joined the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00 pm. The purpose of them attending that meeting was to discuss the communication and support concerns expressed by them to Judy Barrett.

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen wanted to know if there is something in particular that can not be done and if there are requirements that the Board of Health is not able to meet.

Chairman Heavey explained that the Board of Health has taken a hit over the last several years with a reduced staff. There is no one available to answer resident's questions when the Health Agent is out in the field. The Board of Health had budgeted for secretarial help last year and this was not provided. There is no back up when the health agent goes on vacation or is out sick.

Member Warnick added that while revisions of regulations in particular are getting done, they are not getting done in an expeditious manner. He informed the Board of Selectmen that he has assisted, for example, with revising drafts of the tobacco and well regulations since the Health Agent is so busy with other duties.

The Board of Health was made aware that the report from Ms. Barrett did recommend a need for more administrative help. The Town Administrator indicated that increased support was needed for the Board of Health, Building Inspector, *etc.*

Selectmen White did inform the Board of Selectmen that she sees the health agent running all day. She needs some support staff.

Chairman Heavey would like to see a centralized person who meets the residents, answers telephone calls and assists with other administrative functions.

The Board of Selectmen did mention to the Board of Health that they are always welcome to come to their meeting to discuss any concerns. It is a two way street. It is the hope that they can continue working together.

The Board of Health returned to their regular meeting at 7:38 pm.

**Pine Meadow Rd. (Lot #4) and (Lot #1):**

The Board is in receipt of a septic system design plan for Lot #1 and Lot #4. The plan was prepared by Faist Engineering, examined and discussed by the Board of Health.

**On a motion made by Jack Mill and seconded by Jordan Warnick, the Board of Health voted unanimously to sign the plans as submitted.**

**Well Regulations:**

**On a motion made by Jack Mill and seconded by Jordan Warnick, the Board of Health voted unanimously to hold the well regulation public hearing on March 10, 2014 at 6:45 pm.**

**Future Meetings:**

The next meeting scheduled is March 10, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Medway Library.

**Adjourn:**

**On a motion made by Jack Mill, and seconded by Jordan Warnick, the Board of Health voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Meeting Recorder