



## **Town Of Medway Board of Health**

**January 14, 2015  
Medway Board of Health  
26 High Street  
Conference Room  
Medway, MA 02053**

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

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

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The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

### **Also Present:**

Board of Selectmen, Mary Jane White

Board of Selectmen, Richard, D'Iccenzo

Board of Selectmen, Glen Trindade

### **Synthetic Turf Fields:**

The Board of Health is in recent of material in relation to synthetic turf fields. It was indicated that the images from the google pattern were not able to opened.

There were residents from the public present at the meeting. An attendance sheet was circulated. The following residents were present.

### **Residents in Attendance:**

Kirk Sousa

Seven Lee

Tracy Stewart

Andrea Kerr

The Chairman explained that he has read all the information presented along with the vendor information. He noted that this was never presented as a health issue until recently. It was communicated that there are significant risks to everything, but we do not want to introduce new risks.

The discussion was opened to the public.

The concerns expressed were:

- Crumb rubber
- Effect of turf when heated.

**Kirk Sousa, 3 Juniper Rd.:**

Mr. Sousa is concerned about the fact there are no long term reports about the effects of the turf. The science presented is inconclusive. The studies which have been done are limited in scope.

Member Mill responded that it would take many years to get a long term study of this. He indicated that most of the guys who played on this type of turf during high school seem fine.

The concern is that the crumbs give off different chemicals in different proportions, but all have carbon black.

It was indicted that grass fields also contain fertilizer, pesticides and other chemicals.

Ms. Stewart responded that there is a first generation of kids playing on these fields. The burden of proof is on the proponent of the product to say that this is safe. The town cannot assume it is safe, but need more due diligence. There are recognized carcinogen in this product.

Most of studies have been on air quality, but no animal studies have been done. These are VOC on heavy metals and water contamination.

There is a concern about the high temperature of turf.

The Chairman did review the reports as referenced in Liberty Tree Recycling Report as dated June 2013. He did not see a jump in the results. The technical data sheets and MSD sheets were reviewed. The metals are noted and that it noted safe findings. This does not contain heavy metal or lead.

Resident Stewart responded that there is no difference in the crumb rubber since it is not regulated, but if the tires come from rigs, they contain more tire black. This is such an unknown due to the different source of tire. The report list 4 chemicals that are known to cause cancer. She asks if signs could be placed at fields to inform parents of this prior to the kids going onto the fields. Her concern is that we are sending children and athletes into this situation. There should be some notification to those athletes.

The discussion moved to the heat of the turf. It was indicated that one town changed the time of graduation due to the high heat exposure of the turf.

The resident expressed that if the fields are going to exist, there is an obligation to inform the people in the best way possible.

The Chairman did indicate that the signage and use of fields on hot days is a school committee issue. There has been a lot of work and research on this by the Board of Selectmen. They did their due diligence and the plan for this project has been going on for over a year.

Tracy Stewart explained that the State Representatives are working on legislation to have this tested. She indicates it is our job to let all who use the field precautions to minimize if it is.

It was suggested that a flier could go out to the athletes prior to the start of the seasons.

The Chairman informed the residents that another meeting time and date will be set up. He would appreciate the residents to provide information in hard copy form with bulleted points of what they would like to present. He does not want to be provided with enormous amounts of information without it being flagged for its relevance.

Selectmen Trindade explained that the Board of Selectmen had voted unanimously in support of this project. The Finance Committee and Community Preservation are in favor of going forward. This turf is used at various universities and colleges. This is not carbon black. It is a tire and rubber. We do not want to put an irrational fear in people's minds.

The residents believe that this deserves peer review.

The Board of Health appreciates all the input and will be taking this under advisement.

### **Meeting Minutes Acceptance:**

#### **December 8 & 22, 2014:**

- **On a motion made by Mike Heavey and seconded by Jordan Warnick, the Board approved the minutes from December 8, 2014 and December 22, 2014.**

### **Food Permits:**

- Papa Ginos 74 Main Street (food catering permit)
- CVS Pharmacy, 67 Main Street
- Medway Restaurant, 102 Main Street.
- Cassidy Clubhouse, 87 Holliston Street
- Baked on Briar, 4 Briar Lane (bakery permit)
- TC Scoops, 100 Main Street

- Medway VFW, 123 Holliston Street
- One Stop Convenience, 76 Holliston Street
- AFC Sushi, 65 Main Street
- J& L Catering, 112 Main Street
- Creative Sweet, 4 Narragansett Street
- St. Joseph Parish, 145 Holliston Street
- Sweet Treats, 49 Holliston Street

**Tattoo and Body Piercing:**

- Visions Tattoo Piercing & Art Gallery 133 Main St.

**Septage Haulers Permits:**

- Bay State Disposal, Lakeville, MA
- Trinity industries Corp, Hopkinton, MA
- 161 Moron Street, Stoughton, MA
- 155 East Side Road, Wrentham, MA
- Able Septic Service, Hopkinton, MA
- Casella Waste, Auburn, MA

**Farm Animal Permits:**

- 1 Ledgewood Road

**Future Meetings:**

The next meeting scheduled is Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Medway Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Meeting Recorder

Approved February 23, 2015