



Town Of Medway Board of Health

**July 13, 2015
Medway Board of Health
26 High Street
Conference Room
Medway, MA 02053**

PRESENT: Mike Heavey, Jordan Warnick and Jack Mill
ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bacon-Health Agent
Amy Sutherland, Recording Secretary

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Selectmen White and DiCenzo were also present.

Meeting Minutes Acceptance:

June 15, 2015:

On a motion made by Jordan Warnick and seconded by Mike Heavey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes from June 15 2015.

Discussion about the Turf:

The Board was provided with a printout relative to wording for signage. The website is www.synturf.org/heatwarningsignage.html.

This document showed examples of signage from various towns.

Resident Stewart provided information from temperature readings she took at the athletic fields.

Chairman Heavey noted that when taking temperatures, you need to consider ambient temperature and it needs to be taken a foot off the surface.

The Board is in receipt of a document for Montgomery, Maryland which was adopted in their town addressing signage on artificial fields.

Member Warnick noted that the signage is providing precautions about the surface temperatures. Science has not proved that it is a public health concern; more research needs to be done.

The Chairman communicated that this needs to be deferred to Parks and Recreation and School Department.

Paul Mahoney from the Parks and Recreation Department was present. His concern is that the information taken by resident Stewart was not done in a scientific manner. The way this temperature was taken by Ms. Stewart would show on tennis courts, and pavement. If someone wants to practice, it should be a judgement call. Mr. Mahoney responded that no one is renting the fields in the middle of the day. He does not believe that a sign will really help to stop people from playing something such as tennis.

Ms. Stewart responded that she did communicate with an engineer on how to take the temperature and he advised to use the laser temperature gun. Ms. Stewart responded that there is equipment which can be installed permanently to provide a temperature.

Chairman Heavey noted that we do not have a means to do a measuring test over a months' time to get further data.

Mr. Pearl responded that if there is anything done to the fields, you need to contact the parks boards. The parks and recreation department is in charge of the equipment and fields. Mr. Pearl informed the Board that he did take temperature of the various fields. The tennis court area was hotter than fields. All coaches are provided with an action plan. The notebook was shown. This is divided into sections and one focused on sports and heat illness, along with precautions to follow. These are guidelines.

A question was asked if there is sign off for coaches. It might be beneficial to put a piece of literature together to inform parents so they are fully aware of heat related issues.

Ms. Stewart further questioned if there is a policy about heat and students on fields during the school day.

Mr. Pearl indicated that we will be taking the temperatures as directed by the superintendent. The school department has covered all the basis.

A comment was made that the book shown by Mr. Pearl is regulation and something in an action plan, but policy is something different that the school committee needs to vote on.

Resident, Tim Harris responded that he is 100% against signage. This is all common sense. If there is signage for turf fields, then the signs should go on grass fields as well as all other places.

Resident White communicated that there is currently signage about the turf fields indicating what we cannot do; (can't put tables, drinks etc.) these are specific to turf fields restrictions. He is questioning why we put signs up to protect materials on the field, but we can't put up signs on the turf fields for the risk to children. The town is putting up signs to protect the materials of the turf, but not the kids. He further wants to see a policy in place.

Chairman Heavey concluded by explaining that the Board of Health will bring this information under advisement. He will have Stephanie contact Mr. Pearl, school department and parks department. The goal could be to get a short policy written and put in place.

The Chairman motioned to recommend heat signage for fields turf regarding simplified language simple. Member Mill wanted to amend the motion to include all dark surfaces. This was not seconded

On a motion made by Mike Heavey, and seconded by Jack Mill, the Board of Health voted unanimously to have the Health Agent contact the school and parks department about creating a policy regarding the heat of the fields.

The discussion that this type of policy would be similar to what was done with the concussion policy.

On a motion made by Mike Heavey and seconded by Jack Mill, the Board of Health voted unanimously for advisory and recommendation purposes only to research the signage/policy regarding field temperatures.

There was a suggestion to include all youth sports programs.

Permits to Sign:

Permit to keep Animals:

- Fairmount Fruit Farm: 887 Lincoln Street Franklin Farmers Market Permit

Food Permit:

- Medway Community Farm- 50 Winthrop St.
- Medway Village Church Food Panty 170 Village Street
- Derek's 112 Main Street
- Medway Cable Access 88 Summer Street Food Permit

Well Pump Applications:

12 Paddock Lane:

The Board is in receipt of a Septic Repair Plan Design for 12 Paddock Lane. The plan is signed by professional engineer Gregory Bunavicz and dated July 4, 2015. Borderland Engineering Inc. The Board reviewed the application and signed.

10 Stallbrook rd.

The Health agent received a well report for 12 Stallbrook. It tested positive for coliform bacteria. This is a failing septic system. There will be retesting next week. The septic design plan was done by Borderland Engineering. There will be two variances sought for a proposed 4 ft. to ground water to 3 ft. soil absorption since the system is saturated and no room in noted area. A barrier will be put in.

On a motion made by Mike Heavey and seconded by Jack Mill, the Board of Health voted unanimously for the local variances for 10 Stallbrook Rd. The Chairman signed the local upgrade approval form.

Pine Meadow (Lot 6A):

This is for a Septic System Design Plan Pine Meadow II. The plan is dated June 25, 2015. The house footprints have shrunk from the first submittal. It was revised as a rebuilt and the septic needed to be shifted. The setback from property line was 18 ft. The Board of Health signed the plan.

Exelon:

Charlie Myers was present to inform the Board of Health about the Exelon application. He commends the Board of Selectmen for hiring a consultant to review this application. There questions which still need to be answered about the air quality and emissions which will be put out into the air. The applicant did state the levels will exceed the standards. Mr. Myers is concerned about the oil side of this project. A 1,000,000 oil tank will be put in and his concern is the emissions side. There is a day care center near this site. It was recommended to do further research on plotting the emissions and where it will be traveling. There also needs to be more clarity about who is monitoring the equipment.

Drug Abuse:

Representative Roy invited member Warnick to participate in a coalition meeting for drug abuse prevention. Stephanie and Jordan will be attending a meeting. Milford has a ten town coalition and oldest one. There have been 43 death in Norfolk County. The big drug used is heroin. Member Warnick will be providing education about treatment and prevention. He will provide the Board of Health with any further information which is provided from the meeting.

Adjourn:

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

Future Meetings:

The next meeting scheduled is Monday, July 27, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the

Medway Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Meeting Recorder
Approved August 10, 2015