BOH

January 8, 2014

Regular meeting of the Monson Board of Health was called to order at 6:02 p.m.  
Members present were Beau Schneider, Vicki Alfano and Carrie Payne. General conversation prior to the meeting called to order. Mr. Cournoyer was in attendance.

Motion to accept the minutes from Dec. 11, 2013 was made by Beau Schneider and seconded by Vicki Alfano.

The minutes of March 20, 2013 cannot be accepted at this time and were tabled.

Bill schedules, abatements and licenses signed. Vice Chair, Beau Schneider will temporarily sign under BOH Chairman until the Board is re-structured.

Board of health responsibilities:

* Beavers – Carrie Payne –Carrie asked, if there had been any further discussion or contact from the homeowner with the beaver problem. Beau advised that members of conservation had attended our last meeting providing general information. There are four main points with removing the beavers which include crops, safety, wells and septic systems. The BOH has a few booklets about beavers on display for the public and also there is valuable information on the state website. These are State publications. Lorri McCool will be creating an informational letter addressing beaver questions in the future to be kept when complete on file for distribution. Carrie Payne will print some of the information off line and copies will be available here in the BOH.
* Bulky Day –Beau provided the Board with a brochure on Gold Circuit Recycling in Ludlow, Ma. to have on file for future use. The Board should give consideration for the Spring Bulky day and add to the contract that any vendor providing the Town with a roll-off for re-cycling items and such be responsible for removing them within a 24 hr. time-line or the following business day.
* Communicable Diseases- Beau Schneider- checking MAVEN on a regular basis and doing follow-up on mumps case. It has been determined that it has not been confirmed and the case has been resolved. Vicki Alfano said, not much flu has presented itself this year in our area. There have been mutant strains in years past.
* Emergency Preparedness –Carrie Payne- nothing new to report. Beau Schneider mentioned that in the near future, possibly a meeting should be scheduled with Liz Manley, Lorri McCool and the Board to discuss organizing the shelter, possibly bringing supplies from the BOH office to the shelter and getting everyone on board in case the shelter needs to be used.
* Finances- Beau Schneider- Beau asked, what expenses would be incurred by the Board, if the office were to be moved again.
* Floor Drains- Beau Schneider- nothing new to report.
* Food Safety-Beau Schneider- Claire advised the Board that an e-mail had come from Ryan Walsh at Channel 22 in regards to inspections at local grocery stores. Referred the e-mail to Lorri McCool for follow-up.

* Hazardous Waste Day-Beau Schneider- Nothing new to report.
* Health Fair- Carrie- Nothing new to report.
* Medical Reserve Corp. Beau – nothing new to report.
* Outdoor Wood Burning Units-Beau Schneider-nothing new to report. Vicki Alfano mentioned that there is a residence on Hovey Rd. that has an OWB and there has been excessive smoke. On checking the OWB registration book, only one unit is registered at 278 Hovey Rd. and Beau Schneider said the unit conforms to the regulations, but will do follow-up. No complaints to date.
* Press Relations-Carrie Payne- Nothing new to report. Claire gave Carrie Payne her new BOH ID and others to follow when the fire dept. gets new supplies to complete.
* Recycling- Call 2 Recycle has been contacted and at this time, Monson does not fit their profile for having a collection box. Folder to be filed.
* Tobacco- Beau –no descript policy on e-cigarettes, as of yet. Should be under State regulations.
* Trash-Claire advised the Board that one resident had called to inquire as to why all his trash had not been taken. She explained that there was a 7 bag weekly maximum and also gave the resident the toll free # for Republic Services to check with customer service on an individual basis. Customer service could inquire with the driver to what the problem was.
* Wells-Lorri McCool & Beau Schneider-nothing new to report.

Beau Schneider gave the Board information regarding a phone call to Dr. Richard Smith looking for input on the formation of the BOH and new members. Dr. Smith had been a previous member to the BOH and any information would be helpful.

Claire to e-mail Board members with a copy of the 2012 Town Report for additions and re-vamping of the 2013 report which needs to be submitted the beginning of February. Carrie Payne to provide her laptop at the next meeting and the final draft will be completed for submission with everyone’s input.

Beau Schneider provided Carrie Payne and Vicki Alfano with a MAHB sheet to log on to the website and familiarize themselves with the resource, it provides. Many updates with the legalization process of medical marijuana. Possibly, at the end of the FY, if there happens to be any extra funding left from the health coalition, the hard copy of the handbook can be purchased.

Reviewed correspondence and mail. Beau Schneider took possession of items # 4 & 5 to review. Item # 6 put on Lorri McCool’s desk for review.

Next meetings scheduled for Wednesday, and Jan. 22nd, 2014 at 5:30pm.

Beau Schneider made motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm and seconded by Vicki Alfano.