

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Mr. Raymond Grant Chairman, Ms. Kinniburgh RN, Mr. Doug Brown LPN, Ms. Johanne Oliveira RN and Health Agent Beth Hallal R.S. Mr. Robert Costa arrived late.

At 4:30 PM Mr. Grant called the meeting to order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Consider approval of Regular Session Minutes of:**

- 1) April 08, 2015

Mr. Brown LPN made the motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2015, seconded by Ms. Kinniburgh RN and so voted.

Mr. Grant asked the Board if they did have a copy of the minutes and I am not sure if they were included in another package, the proper action should be to reject the motion and all those in favor of opposing the motion, and so voted 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for variance from the Board of Health Regulation 9.3.4 – James Waterman**

Mr. Waterman is opening a metal recycling business and they wish to have three large dumpster on the property that will not have lids on these containers. These containers will be fenced in and only used for steel.

Ms. Hallal informed the Board the regulations do not allow this style of dumpsters to stay and they are allowed monthly. Ms. Hallal is recommending the Board allows the variance.

Ms. Kinniburgh RN made the motion to grant the variance of 9.3.4 at 1741 Fall River Ave, seconded by Ms. Oliveira RN and so voted unanimously.

**On-Line Permitting**

This item will be table until the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion with Wind River Environmental regarding the written procedures for the pumping of exterior grease traps for the establishments in the Town of Seekonk.**

Mr. Raul Jimenez of Wind River Environmental did contact the office this morning to inquire if there was going to be a quorum for this meeting, Mr. Chenevert informed him that at this time there was a quorum. Ms. Hallal did receive their proposal for the pumping. Ms. Hallal is satisfied with the proposal and it appears that Mr. Jimenez is personally involved in every step.

**Discussion and approval or not the warrant article for the stipends for the Board of Health.**

Ms. Hallal stated we did miss the time date, so it will not appear on this warrant.

At this time the Board needs to decide if they should move forward with the stipends. The Board should make a decision on what is best for all Boards. Mr. Grant believes that the stipend should be the same level as the school committee.

Mr. Brown believes to attract qualified individuals there should be a stipend.

Ms. Kinniburgh RN made the motion to bring forward to the Board of Selectmen through the Town Administrator the request for a warrant article for stipend for the Board of Health, the Chair at \$1,400 and the members should be \$1,000, seconded by Mr. Brown LPN and so voted unanimously.

- Review of the Seekonk Board of Health Regulations 3.0.0- Sewage Disposal**
- Review of the Seekonk Board of Health Regulations 9.0.0 – Dumpster Regulations**
- Review of the Seekonk Board of Health Regulations 13.0.0 - Legal Procedure**
- Review of the Seekonk Board of Health Regulations 15.0.0 - Separability**
- Review of the Seekonk Board of Health Regulations 16.0.0 - Amendments**
- Review of the Seekonk Board of Health Regulations 17.0.0 – Invalidation By the State Law**

Mr. Grant stated it is very difficult to review the regulations when there was no supporting documentation. Mr. Grant recommends to table the regulations since Denise is not here, until the meeting.

Mr. Brown made the motion to table all regulations until the next meeting, seconded by Ms. Kinniburgh RN and so voted unanimously.

**HEALTH AGENT’S REPORT**

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| Septic Disposal Plans approved by the Health Agent |                                |
| 21 Warren Ave Unit 1&2                             | Edward Lundgren [re-submittal] |
| 21 Warren Ave Unit 3&4                             | Edward Lundgren                |
| 21 Warren Ave Unit 5&6                             | Edward Lundgren                |
| 21 Warren Ave Unit 7&8                             | Edward Lundgren                |
| 930 Newman Avenue                                  | Greg Mallon                    |
| 20 Betty’s Way                                     | Sheila Borges                  |
| 41 Palmer River Rd                                 | Palmer River Development       |

Ms. Hallal stated we are starting to get extremely busy, there are a lot of percolation testing, plans being approved and a lot of complaints.

Mr. Grant was wondering where are we with the additional health inspector.

Ms. Hallal stated it was approved by the finance committee and the Town Administrator took it out of the budget and discussed this again and unfortunately it was not put back in. Ms. Hallal

was at the Board of Selectmen meeting regarding the budget one of the selectmen knew the Assistant Health Agent was originally a full time position and currently Mr. Chenevert is working part time and he had no problem with having two part time people with no benefits.

Mr. Grant stated if we have in the budget a 32 hour position in the budget, then we have the right to hire someone to fill those hours.

Ms. Hallal stated Ms. Nolan took the 32.5 hours and reduced it to 19 hours a week.

Mr. Grant stated we need to find out if this is 32.5 position or a 19.5 hour position.

Ms. Hallal stated it still is a 32.5 hour position; however it is funded for 19 hours. Ms. Nolan

Mr. Grant stated moving forward if this is a 32.5 hour position then it is budgeted for 32.5 hours, it has to be budgeted for 32.5, we should immediately begin the process of advertising and interviewing for a part time health agent.

Ms. Kinniburgh RN stated it is up to them to find to figure out where they are getting the money, we have the hours there.

Mr. Grant stated we have 32.5 hours and no one has every notified us that we do not have the 32.5 so therefore we have the right to hire a health agent for the 13 hours. I would like the 13 hours and the regulations are getting more and more stringent and there are more mandates being placed on us and there is more and more work. I have no problem with talking to the Town administrator and telling him it is our intent that when you get back from vacation to begin the process of advertising and interviewing and getting someone appointed to a 13 hour a week part time health agent position. That will get us to the 32.5 hours. That is what we need.

Ms. Hallal stated the 10 hour a week nurses position. You wanted me to send this to you prior to the Town Administrator.

Mr. Grant stated as soon as they have an opportunity to review this then we can start advertising and moving forward immediately.

Ms. Hallal she has spoken to Mr. Costa about getting a disclosure statement signed since he is doing work in town.

The Board stated you are better off completing these when there could be an appearance of a conflict. He can give this to him at the end of the meeting.

At this time we will move back to the discussion with Wind River Environmental regarding the written procedures for the pumping of exterior grease traps for the establishments in the Town of Seekonk

Mr. Jim Jimenez stated they have added an admin login, and I am in three times a month to make sure this is being done. I brought the logs to the guy that service the area and made sure they knew about the log and if they have any questions there are to call me.

## **COMMUNITY SPEAKS**

There was no community speaks.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS**

Mr. Brown has chosen not to seek re-appointment for the Board of Health. At this time Mr. Grant has not made a decision on his reappointment.

Mr. Brown stated he saw an article regarding several cities and towns throughout the state have banned plastic bags and water bottles. I guess the primary culprit is the plastic bags besides being an eyesore, it very resource intensive. The board might be interested in looking at this and possible consider this.

The next meeting will be May 27<sup>th</sup>.

At 5:00pm Ms. Kinniburgh RN made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown LPN and so voted unanimously.