

Seekonk Board of Health

Meeting Minutes February 14, 2018

Call to order 7:08 pm

A meeting of the Seekonk Board of Health was held at Seekonk Town Hall, Planning Board Meeting Room on February 14, 2018.

Attendees Included:

- Victoria Kinniburgh R.N., Chairperson
- Jonathan Schiller M.D., Vice Chairman
- Guy Boulay
- Kyle Corbin
- Jessica Horsman B.S.,R.N. Health Agent

Absent:

- Richard Perry

Consent Calendar

Consider the approval of regular session minutes from December 6, 2017.

Motion: By Mr. Boulay to, approve the regular session minutes from December 6, 2017 as written.

Second: Jonathan Schiller MD

In Favor: Victoria Kinniburgh RN, Jonathan Schiller MD, Kyle Corbin and Guy Boulay.

Opposed: None

Abstained:

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Discussion and any other action regarding the non-renewal of ASM Sampling 175 Highland Ave, Seekonk, MA.

The Establishment has taken care of this issue and the check is in the mail.

Discussion and any other action regarding a kennel – James Lamonte - 188 Cross Street, Seekonk, MA.

Approved at the Board of Health Meeting of March 28, 2018.

Mr. James Lamonte wishes to have a kennel at 188 Cross Street and plans on training German Shepard's for explosives. The previous owner did have a kennel permit and Mr. Lamonte was under the impression the permit transferred with the property. Mr. Lamonte has been in contact with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection regarding a variance for the septic system. The Department of Environmental Protection has stated it is up to the local Board of Health on whether or not the kennel will need to be attached to the septic system.

Today, Mr. Lamonte has contracted with a company called Doody Calls. This company will come to the property and clean up the area after the dogs and haul it away. A mobile dog groomer will come in once a month for their grooming needs.

Seekonk has viewed kennels is a) you upgrade to comply with Title 5, 50 gallons per day per kennel or b) you can go to the State and request a variance. This is what Seekonk has followed throughout the years and with past cases. Recently with speaking with the State they have changed their view, you do not need a variance however it is to the Board to decide if they wish him to put in floor drains and if so then they could vary the flow rates. We need to make the decision if Mr. Lamonte needs to connect to the septic system.

Your decision tonight is to determine if there is going to be waste generated from these kennels, how is the waste going to be handled and is there a requirement for him to connect to the septic system.

Motion: By Kyle Corbin to forward the kennel at 188 Cross St to the Zoning Board of Appeals with the stipulation a contract must be in place to pick up the dog feces.

Second: Jonathan Schiller MD

In Favor: Victoria Kinniburgh RN, Jonathan Schiller MD, Kyle Corbin and Guy Boulay.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Discussion regarding Youth Possession Regulations.

The School Department has asked us to review the Youth Possession Regulations and make any necessary updates to these regulations. The tobacco and youth possession regulations will be sent to legal for review.

Mr. Dennis Lane from the Coalition of Responsible Retailers and is looking for any changes to the tobacco regulations. He is trying to keep retailers in business and some of the cities and towns are looking to ban flavored tobacco.

The biggest proposed changes to the Tobacco Regulations are the increase in the fines and prohibiting vapor and e-cigarettes in establishments that already prohibit smoking. Mr. Lane wishes to have a copy of the draft regulations.

Ms. Horsman will send the draft tobacco regulations to Mr. Lane once the Board has agreed to the changes.

Mr. Lane thanked the Board for listening to his point of view.

2018 Rabies Clinic.

Ms. Horsman informed the Board of the upcoming Rabies Clinic on the 10th of March. The fee is \$12.00 per animal from 9am to noon.

Discussion regarding Sharps Containers.

When the Sharp's program was implemented, the Board decided the first container was at no cost to the residents and would charge for the next one. We did just recently raise the fee from \$5.00 to \$8.00. Some of the residents are coming in for the one time containers and not using the service again.

The Board agreed we will no longer offer the first container at no cost to the residents.

Update on Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Household Hazardous Waste Day funding has increased from \$6,000 to \$8,000; however the setup fees have also increased from \$900.00 to \$2,200.00. We will be able to increase the number of residents from 90 to 115. The Department of Public Works does have funding where they will be able to take light bulbs, batteries, motor oil and anti-freeze year round. We did request another increase for next year's budget.

Discussion, review and signing of the Agreement for Judgement at 126 Mohawk Drive

Legal has gotten the resident to sign an agreement that he will not operate a junkyard. In the event the property goes back to having the junk in the yard we will not have to start at the beginning of the court process.

The Board has signed this agreement.

Discussion regarding the Assistant Health Agent position.

For budgeting purposes, Mr. Chenevert did submit his resignation letter as of November 30, 2018. Ms. Horsman has given the Board a copy of the job description and would like to start advertising July 1st. We have asked that this position be a full time position according to the Union Contract.

The Board wishes to have Ms. Horsman send a letter regarding the Board's intention with this position signed by Ms. Kinniburgh RN.

Discussion regarding next meeting date.

The next Board of Health meeting will be on March 14, 2018.

Other Topics not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 Hours before Meeting

None at this time.

Health Agent Report

- 4 Wagonwheel Rd Roger DesVergnes

- 35 West River St
- 31 West River St
- 10 Alta St
- 651 Fall River Ave
- 52 Greenwood Ave
- 37 Chestnut Hill Dr
- 330 Cole St
- 990 County St

Richard Silva [re-submittal]
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 Johanna Reese
 Robert Federico
 Richard & Linda Pinella
 Cliff & Laura Cabral
 Bruce Bennett
 Emily Ambrose

Community Speaks

None at this time.

Board Comments and Correspondence

None at this time.

Adjournment

8:49 pm

Motion By: Kyle Corbin DC to adjourn.

Second: Mr. Boulay

In Favor: Victoria Kinniburgh R.N., Jonathan Schiller M.D, Guy Boulay and Kyle Corbin DC.

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Clerk

Date of approval